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Thatcher rejects Duke's plea to end mortgage aid

By Philip Webster and Christopher Warman

The Prime Minister and other members of the Government yesterday delivered a polite but complete rejection of the central recommendation of a report into housing led by the Duke of Edinburgh calling for the removal of mortgage tax relief.

A series of ministerial pronouncements promised due, careful study of the report, published by the National Federation of Housing Associations, but made clear that the Government would have nothing to do with a proposal which all parties would find politically unacceptable.

Questioned about it in the Commons, Mrs Margaret Thatcher remarked: "So long as I am here mortgage tax relief will continue".

The inquiry proposed a radical package of changes in housing policy and its financing designed to tackle the growing problems of housing shortage, sub-standard housing and homelessness.

The committee, unanimous *in its report, decided that* mortgage interest tax relief was unfair because it favoured the better off and because it distorted housing tenure since there was no similar relief for tenants.

The committee, recommends the introduction of a "needs related housing allowance", available to all those with low or limited incomes to enable them to pay for the housing they require.

It would replace the present forms of personal support including housing benefit for tenants and the housing ingredient in supplementary benefit as well as mortgage interest tax relief for owner-occupiers.

If the abolition of mortgage interest tax relief were implemented, the committee suggests that it should be phased out over 10-12 years, so that there would be little impact on the housing market.

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It also says that if interest rates were reduced from the present 13.75 per cent to 9.5 per cent during that period, the owner occupier would lose nothing.

Speaking about all the proposals, Mr Richard Best, secretary of the National Federation of Housing Associations, *saidd it would take time to* reach a consensus on the proposals, but he hoped that general agreement might come by 1990.

The Government withstood the publication of the report with the minimum of embarrassment. Advance leaks had in any case dulled its impact. Witchall sources were swift to point out the the Duke had undertaken to be chairman in a personal capcity and not as a representative of the Crown.

Even so the repudiations of *the mortgage tax relief proposal* could hardly have been more explicit.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, said the purpose of the inquiry had been to consider housing issues against a much longer perspective than the life of any one government.

The committee did not invite evidence from the Government, nor take evidence from any of the ploitical parties, he said. "They therefore acknowledge that their proposals, which they say should be seen as an integrated package, contain measures which do not accord with present day political opinions or even, necessarily, with current economic circumstances."

Mr Jenkin went on: "Against that background, the Government will of course study the report carefully, but there is no *question of withdrawing mortgage interest tax relief.*"

A similar message had emanated earlier from Downing Street, and Mr Ian Gow, Minister for Housing and Construction, later on BBC radio said the policy of allowing tax relief, followed by successive governments, had led to the

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The Duke of Edinburgh yesterday at the launch of the housing inquiry's findings(Photograph: Warren Harrison).

Tax cuts secrecy dismays MPs

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

In a move certain to provoke parliamentary anger, the Government has decided to become more secretive about its plans for tax cuts.

The Treasury will in future refuse to publish its estimate of the scope for tax cuts in the Budget, which has in recent years has been revealed each autumn following the Cabinet's decisions on public spending.

This is a major setback for advocates of greater parliamentary control over the Budget-making process, and has already provoked a strong reaction from the all-party Treasury and Civil Service Committee.

The committee has been pressing for a greater range of information, adding up to a "Green Budget", to be published in the autumn to aid political discussion. This move by the Treasury in the contrary direction will be resisted.

The Treasury announced its plans in an exchange of letters with the committee.

The practice of providing an advance estimate of the amount likely to be at the Chancellor's disposal in his Budget – the implied fiscal adjustment – was of "little or no practical value," the Treasury said. "The margin of uncertainty is massive and no operational decisions are based on it."

The dropping of the implied fiscal adjustment is a personal decision of Mr Nigel Lawson, *the Chancellor. It comes after* the experience of the January sterling crisis when, in the Treasury's view, speculation of a tax giveaway bigger then the £1.5 billion contained in the autumn plans contributed to the sharp fall in the pound.

The Treasury said that "endless and often wild speculation about tax cuts" resulted from the practice of providing implied fiscal adjustments.

The Treasury and Civil Service Committee, chaired by Mr Terence Higgins MP, was dismayed at the Treasury's plan, first hinted at in an apparently throwaway remark by Mr Lawson some weeks ago.

The committee, the Commons watchdog on economic affairs, described the move as "most retrograde", and it called *for more, not less, information* in the autumn statement. It refected Treasury claims that it had been a factor in the January sterling crisis.

Ironically, without a Treasury figure on which to base estimates, City forecasts of likely Budget tax cuts are likey to become still more speculative. This will be particularly the case in the run-up to the next Budget, for which current plans are for £3.5 billion of tax cuts.

Shires to receive more aid next year

By David Walker
Social Policy Correspondent

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday announced a settlement of council finance for 1986 that represents a significant victory for his department over the Treasury and contains important concessions to conservative groups in the shire and district councils.

Against fierce Treasury opposition, the Environment Department is to abandon, from next April, the tight spending targets for individual councils.

Grants in 1986 are to be handed out to councils in a way that will benefit the shire counties, notably Buckinghamshire, Surrey and the Eat Anglian counties. Complaints by Conservatives in these areas have several times been carried to the House of Commons.

Mr Jenkin's package attempts to freeze council spending at 1985 cash levels and is likely to be warmly greeted by the Tory party "consolidators".

Mr Jenkin also announced a new list of councils to be rate-capped next year, however. The Conservative district of Portsmouth is excused from rate-capping, along with Leicester (Labour) and Brent (where no single party controls). Labour-controlled Liverpool and Newcastle-upon-Tyne are to be rate-capped – being given a limit for spending and rates beyond which it will be illegal

Ten councils on this year's list are to be rate-capped again. They are all Labour: Camden, Greenwich, Hackney, Haringey, Islington, Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark and Thamesdown (Swindon).

The Government has also given itself power to put a limit on the spending on various joint boards providing police, fire and transport services in Greater London and the metropolitan counties. In total, legal limits will be put on the spending and rates of 32 councils and public authorities in 1986.

Mr Jenkin said yesterday: "This demonstrates the Government's continued determination to rein back the profligacy of the largest overspenders and to prevent extravagance in the initial years of the new authorities."

Part of Mr Jenkin's victory consists in winning a £500 million adjustment to the public spending figures set out in the main White Paper earlier this year. Another aspect is that despite councils overspending government totals by some £300 million in 1984-85, Mr Jenkins was allowed to take off the apparatus of targets.

Next year all councils will be given a "grant related expenditure assessment" by Whitehall. *If they spend above this, they* will lose rate support grant.

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Paris leads UN protest on Pretoria

From Zoriana Pysariwsky
New York

France yesterday submitted a draft resolution to the UN Security Council calling for *sanctions against South Africa* for its declaration of a state of emergency under which almost 800 anti-apartheid protesters have been arrested.

The draft, seeking a concerted internationl protest, was presented as the Security Council prepared to debate Pretoria's latest crackdown on dissent.

It calls for a voluntary ban on imports of the Krugerrand, suspension of loan guarantees for South Africa, and a ban on new-nuclear contacts and on the sale of computer technology that could be used by the South African army or police

The key question is whether Britain and the United States would be able to withstand pressure to join a Security Council consensus.

● **WASHINGTON:** The Reagan Adminstration described as speculative a report *that South Africa had proposed* high-level talks with the US in Europe to explain its recent actions

The *New York Times* report said that South Africa's request was made in the last week. It quoted a senior State Department official as saying that the US wanted to be fairly sure that talks would lead to a change in Pretoria's policy.

● **JOHANNESBURG:** South *African gold shares slumped* and the rand dropped sharply yesterday as foreign investors showed renewed unease about the emergency (Reuter reports).

The Johannesburg stock exchange gold share index plunged more than 60 points to 819.4 before bargain-hunters helped it to recover to close at 841.6.

Foreign share sales fed through to the currency markets, where the rand dipped to close at 49.95 US cents, more than 3.5 cents down.

In Pretoria, police named another 130 detainees yesterday, bringing to 795 the number arrested since the emergency was declared on Saturday.

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How whipping yarns frightened the Tory pay waverers

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, a particularly wet government whip, was going round the Commons on Wednesday with a photocopy of the last edition *of The Times* and its front-page list of the 48 Tory rebels who had so nearly defeated the Government over top people's pay.

He is reported to have told his targets that the Prime Minister had refused to go to bed that morning until she has seen the list.

One outraged Tory said last night that there was nearly a "punch-up" at one point as Mr *Garel-Jones circulated, telling* rebels that their card was "marked", and that they would not even be considered for the post of parliamentary private secretary, unpaid Commons dogsbody to a minister.

Some of the Tory rebels who had been given the full treatment of threats, browbeating and promises of advancement on Tuesday night, before the revolt, were full of whipping yarns yesterday.

It was said that the whips had excelled themselves in playing on the weakness of their colleagues, some of whom were frightened, some of whom were drunk, and some of whom were just too inexperienced to know the difference beween a threat and a playful joke.

The whips were even seen circulating among the wives of potential rebels, as they gathered on the Commons Terrace after attending a Buckingham Palace garden party.

But certainly, in spite of Downing Street denials, it was stated and corroborated that Mr John Wakeham had both explicitly and implicitly spoken of the very real prospect of defeat and a general election.

One experienced rebel said yesterday: "It was disgusting the way the frighteneers were put on these young sprogs."

Two MPs who spoke to the Chief Whip on Tuesday night said that he had warned them of the possibility of defeat and had added: "Instead of spending the summer on a beach, you might well be spending it on the doorsteps." They said he had mentioned "a general election situation" and when they had expressed disbelief, Mr Wakeham had replied that the Prime Minister "might well not be there tomorrow. What's in it for her? Why should she carry on?"

Another whip, who believed he had turned 10 potential rebels, said he had talked of the Prime Minister having "a piece of paper in her pocket" – the statement to be read out in the even of defeat.

Mr Wakeham was said to have been very "laid-back and very pleasant" in some of his sessions with up to half a dozen MPs at a time in his Commons office. While he was dealing with one group another group waited in an ante-room and a *lucky few were served with* whips' office whisky. There was a limited supply of glasses.

Not all MPs received the complete treatment. One MP said yesterday that Mr Wakeham had left the consequences of defeat to their imagination: nothing about the Prime Minister or an election had been spelt out.

He did say, however, that as Mr Wakeham had talked of the *logic of the situation he had* conjured up "visions of Armageddon", and he said yesterday: "I felt a distinct tightening of the throat."

Another MP noted: "There was one card the whips did not use on Tuesday, the card that is always played: the ace of clubs. At no time did they say: 'Wait until your constituency party chairman hears of this ...'

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Mr Garel-Jones: Armed with 'Times' list of rebels.

Exports hit by strong pound

By Our Economics Correspondent

Exports fell by £273 million last month, contributing to a sharp deterioration in the *balance of payments.* The current account surplus fell to £257 million, compared with £724 million in May.

Visible trade went into deficit last month, by £243 million, after a £224 million surplus in May. Officials said that the May figures were erratically good and that last month's were in line with underlying trends.

The export fall was largely accounted for by a £172 million *drop in oil exports. However,* there is evidence that the strong pound is hitting non-oil exports and boosting imports. The non-oil trade deficit rose by £474 million to £1,085 million

Worries about the effect of the strong pound and high interest rates hit share prices yesterday. The *FT* 30-share index fell 15 points to 911, its lowest this year. Imperial Chemical Industries, which *reported second quarter profits* of £268 million, down 7 per cent on last year, led the fall with a 30p drop to 659p.

Both exports and imports have fallen from the high levels recorded this year. However, imports rose last month by £194 million.

In the first hal of this year, visible trade in total was in deficit by £1,644 million. Invisibles – shipping, tourism, interest profit and dividends – was in surplus by £2,970 million, giving a current account surplus of £1,326 million.

Yesterday, the pound rose 1.1 cents to $1.4090 in London

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Queen's Club ask McEnroe to resign

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Queens's Club have asked John McEnroe, three times the Wimbledon champion to resign his honourary membership. This is a sequel to an incident that occurred on June 28, the first Friday of the Wimbledon championships, while McEnroe was practising at Queen's.

McEnroe was on a court which had not been allocated to him. When some women members, including Mrs Sheila Boden, the wife of a former club chairman, turned up to claim the court, which they had booked. McEnroe's language "went over the top and was unrepeatable", according to Jonathan Edwardes, the Secretary at Queen's, yesterday. He said that the members concerned had complained to the committee.

The club's rules demanded that McEnroe should be given "a reasonable opportunity" to explain. Accordingly, the club wrote to him during the second week of Wimbledon, but he failed to respond.

"We are following the rules of the club and treating him as we would any other member." Mr Edwardes said yesterday. "Having given the chap a chance to give an explanation, which he has failed to do, the rules require us to ask the member to resign if that is what the committee want."

A *letter asking McEnroe to* resign was posted yesterday. Unless he resigns within a month, the committee can expel him without further inquiry. In short, all that remains to be settled is the fine distinction between resignation and expulsion.

Two societies cut home loan rates

The mortgages battle took a new twist yesterday with the *Abbey National* and Skipton building societies announcing cuts in their mortgage interest rates.

There were strong indications that other societies would follow suit, while rates paid to depositors would not be cut at this stage.

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Tyra's father was accused of blinding her brother

Andrew Neil, jailed for life yesterday for battering his daughter Tyra Henry, aged 21 months, to death had two years earlier been convicted – and then cleared – of blinding and causing brain damage to her brother, Tyrone, aged four.

The earlier conviction had been quashed on appeal, but the affair was enough for social workers to place baby Tyra on the "at risk" list.

Neil, aged 20, an unem*ployed electrician of Bonham* Road, Brixton, south London, showed no emotion as he was sentenced to life imprisonment at the Central Criminal Court.

Neil, who was born of West Indian parents in London, had battered and bitten his daughter 57 times in the bedroom of a Brixton council flat.

The unconscious and barely alive child was "dumped" into the arms of a staff nurse at Guy's Hospital on August 29 *last year.* She died from severe brain damage on September 1.

Her injuries, covering her entire body, were described as appalling. Apart from ruptures of the brain and a fractured skull – caused when she was hurled across a room against a wall – she had bruises and bites which were so deep that the marks of her father's teeth were clearly visible.

Neil had even forced Tyra's hands into her own mouth and *clamped it shut so that she bit* herself.

As long ago as November 1982, Lambeth Council had put the baby on a "at Risk" category following her father's conviction of assaulting and ill-treating her brother.

Although this conviction was later quashed on appeal, it was ordered that Tyra should live away from Neil, who has a criminal record for offences including armed robbery, possessing drugs and having an offensive weapons.

He was also known to have a violent temper and to sometimes stand for hours ranting and raving without anyone being able to calm him

The jury of six men and six women took four and a half hours before convicting Neil of the murder. He pleaded not guilty and claimed that the brain damage was caused by accidental dropping, he did not give evidence.

Tyra's mother, Miss Claudette Henry, aged 20, who described Neil as a loving, caring and kind father, was a reluctant prosecution witness. She is on 18 months probation for burgling a house and stealing property worth £1,000.

The baby lived in a three-bedroomed Brixton council flat in Evelyn House with Nei and Tyra. They lived in cramped *conditions – one of the other* bedrooms was occupied by Neil's father and his common law wife and the third by his sister and her boyfriend.

Within a few days of Tyra's birth in November, 1982 Miss Henry's mother, Mrs Beatrice Henry, was given custody of the baby. However, in early August last year Mrs Beatrice Henry's electricity was cut off and the baby was moved into the room occupied by Neil and Claudette.

The court was told the Social *Services Department* was completely unaware that Claudette Henry had removed her daughter from her mother's home and taken Tara to live with Neil.

Mr Nicholls said in his closing speech that some witnesses had "deliberately lied" in an attempt to keep the jury from getting to the truth. Sometimes questions had been met with a "wall of silence".

He also asked if jurors could be certain *that Tyra's mother,* Claudette, had been telling the truth. She had said that Tyra had "accidentlly" been used as a human shield when she and Neil were having a fight, and that the head injury may have happened when Tyra was accidentally dropped.

She had suggested that Neil bite the child when Tyra lay unconscious on the floor afer being dropped. She thought the pain might make her react.

***Despite the fact that Judge* Robert Lymbery cleared the Social Services Department of any blame, Lambeth Council will hold an independent inquiry into the death. Three staff in Lambeth's Social Services Department are facing disciplinary charges for their role in the affair.**

During the four-day hearing, the jury was told that Tyra had been a "happy and well cared

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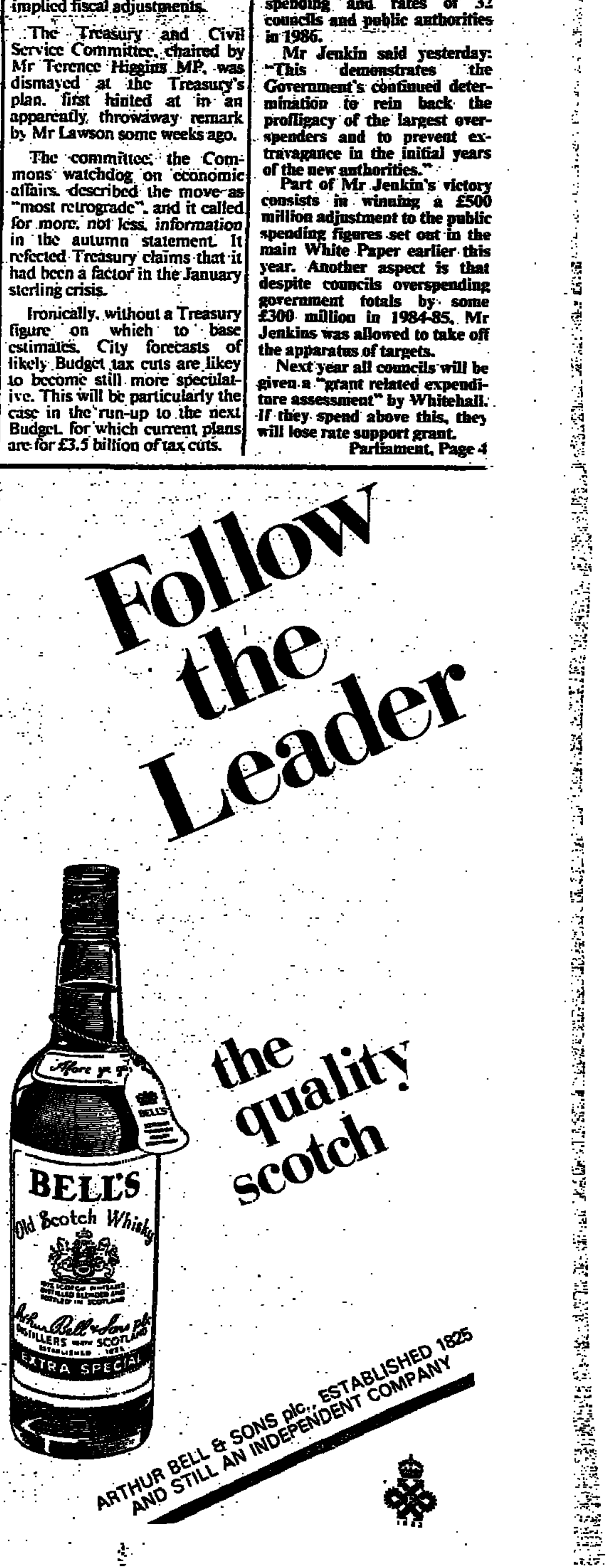

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Electricians' leaders back single union, no-strike agreement with Shah

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

The electricians' union yesterday agreed an unprecedented no-strike single union agreement with Mr Eddie Shah, the newspaper publisher. It could revolutionize the newspaper industry and will further infuriate the TUC.

A discreet attempt by Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, calling the Electrical, Electronic Telecommunications and Plumbing Union at least to delay its ratification of the deal, fell on deaf ears.

The electricians are faced with expulsion from Congress if they go ahead with their plan to accept Government money for ballots. The no-disruption accord with Mr Shah will not enhance their chances of remaining within the movement.

Officials of the two traditional print unions, Sogat '82 and the National Graphical Association, were last night furious at the deal because although employees will be allowed to join their organization, they will not be recognized for negotiating purposes.

The decision by an emergency executive meeting of the EETPU at the St Ermine Hotel in London will also fire the enthusiasm of Fleet Street proprietors to conclude similar agreements.

A joint working party consisting of two representatives from Mr Shah's News (UK) Company, and Mr Tom Rice, of the electricians' union, are to draw up a detailed industrial relations structure before the end of the year. The committee will then report to the board of the company and to the executive council of the EEPTU.

The group will also be responsible for fixing a salary for the newspaper's employees for the period to March 30, 1987.

An outline "heads of agreement" includes a commitment to operate new technology. Other Fleet Street newspapers are either still using hot metal processing, a halfway house or a partial use of electronic techniques.

Under the system there will be "single status" employment which means that white collar and production staff will enjoy the same conditions.

A company advisory and productivity board will be set up which will have the right to information about the company plans and an ability to advise on strategy.

But the kernel of the structure will be the so-called "pendulum arbitration" which means that, where there is no "in house" agreement in a dispute, an external arbitrator would be instructed to come down on one side or the other.

There will also be an unheard of degree of flexibility between crafts and a share option scheme aimed at underlining the spirit of co-operation. Management will be expected to retrain personnel who require it.

In a statement issued after the meeting the company and the union said they intended "the agreement to be a model for good industrial relations in the electronic printing era."

The deal struck by the EETPU with Mr Shah is similar to those agreed at a dozen small electronic companies throughout Britain. They are agreements which have been labelled as "sweetheart deals" by other unions, who claim that the electricians, under the direction of Mr Hammond, the general secretary, were selling the movement's birthright.

Newspaper deal 'watershed'

The "no-strike" outline deal approved yesterday by electricians leaders for Mr Eddie Shah's new national newspaper will prove to be a watershed in the history of the British newspaper industry (Our Labour Reporter writes).

The agreement not only excludes traditional print unions, except for journalists, but also cuts a swathe through the time-honoured practices on national newspapers of strict job demarcation, high manning and tight union control of recruitment.

Workers on Mr Shah's newspaper will be entitled to join other unions, but they will not be officially recognized by management.

It is a bitter pill indeed for the National Graphical Association and Sogat '82 to swallow. And although it does not infringe the TUC's Bridlington agreement, which prevents one union poaching members from another, it will undoubtedly bring the electricians' relations with the TUC to a new low.

Meanwhile Fleet Street's newspaper proprietors have already made discreet inquiries about the new agreement, especially those planning new publications on greenfield site, where the EETPU can sign accords without foul of the Bridlington rule.

The agreement is similar to a dozen deals signed by the electricians' union in small, high-technology companies

A system of binding, "pendulum arbitration" is central to the new industrial relations structure, which means that if there is no "in-house" agreement on a dispute, an independent arbitrator would be instructed to come down on one side or the other.

In such an organizational framework no strikes can be made official or backed in any other way by the union.

An unprecedented degree of job flexibility is also ensured with a heavy onus on the company to retrain workers who require it.

There will also be single status for white collar and production staff with all employers entitled to the same benefits, including private health care and pension rights.

Profit sharing will also form one of the main pillars of the deal with 10 per cent of company shares allocated to employees.

The Discovery (above) and (top left) PC Steve Carson with the wheel. (Right) Mr Cyril Crouchman.

Scott's lost wheel turns full circle

The ship's wheel from Captain Scott's Discovery will return to the vessel after 17 years, following its passage from a garage wall to an advertisement in *Exchange and Mart* and Bow Street Magistrates' Court.

The five-ft wheel was taken to the court yesterday, where Mr Cyril Crouchman, a former naval officer, denied a charge of handling stolen property when buying it for £50 in 1972.

Mr Crouchman, aged 60, of Spargate, Shenfield, Essex, said that he bought the wheel with no proof it was genuine and for years it remained in Mr Crouchman's garage, until he advertised it for sale recently.

The advertisement was seen by Mr Bruce Parsons, who said he was shocked that the wheel was on sale – in had been stole by persons unknown in 1968 – and reported it to the police.

The magistrate, dismissed the case after being told there was no evidence that the wheel had been stolen.

Tebbit moves ahead as most favoured Thatcher successor

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Norman Tebbit has moved into a clear lead as potential successor to Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

A survey of half of the 1983 intake of new Conservative MPs, carried out by *The Times* shows that if the Prime Minister's job was suddenly and unexpectedly vacated then Mr Tebbit would get the support of 52 per cent of those questioned compared with only 45 per cent in a similar survey last year.

But even amongst those who supported the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry questions were raised repeatedly about his health and his will to succeed following last year's Brighton bomb outrage and the injuries suffered by his wife, Mrs Margaret Tebbit.

Supporters said: "I wonder whether he has the stomach for it"; "There is a question mark over his ability to shoulder the burden"; and "Everything hinges on whether Norman feels well enough."

There were others, however, who saw his "conscious slowing down" over the past year as an advantage. One MP said: "I am very impressed; he is more restrained than he was a year ago."

The survey also found a surge in support for Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, up from 6 per cent to 18 per cent; Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, up from 6 per cent to 12 per cent; and the emergence of support for Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, who was identified by a handful of MPs as "the dark horse of all time."

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, has fallen from 21 per cent last year to 8 per cent in the present survey, and Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment is down from 15 per cent to 4 per cent.

The MPs werealso asked who they saw as the young, up-and-coming superstar who might be a long-distance runner to succeed Mrs Thatcher in the event of a graceful retirement two years after the next election. Mr Ken Clarke, Minister of Health, was again the top choice, with support from 13 MPs, but he is now being pressed by Mr Ken Baker, Minister for Local Government, with the support on nine MPs, and Mr Malcom Rifkind, Foreign Office Minister, with seven MPs naming him as their choice.

Not one of the 51 MPs questioned mentioned the name of Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, and only one mentioned Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor fo the Exchequer as his third choice for immeditate succession.

Several MPs singled out Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, and his departmental team – Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr Antony Newton, and Mr John Patten – as the Government's best communicators.

The surprises of the survey were Sir Geoffrey Howe's emergence and the challenge to Mr Clarke posed Mr Baker and Mr Rifkind.

One MP who supported Sir Geoffrey said: "He is a tough Tory, but people think of him as cuddly and avuncular. People would let him bounce their babies on his knee." Another said: "He is soporifically reassuring.

Mr Clarke is described as "thoughtful" "stylish" and "the ultimate pragmatist".

Mr Baker was praised for his "ability", his "charm", "polish" and "sheer aked ambition".

There was not one word of criticism for Mr Rifkind.

Prince works on dairy farm

By Alan Hamilton

The Prince of Wales has spent the last four days working on a farm in Cornwall, Buckingham Palace announced last night.

It is the third time that the Prince, as Duke of Cornwall, has spent time gaining first-hand experience among the farmers who are tenants of the 128,000 acres that make up the Royal Duchy. This time it was on a 240-acre mixed farm with a dairy herd, and the Prince took part in all the normal daily tasks

The exact location of the farm was not disclosed. Last year the Prince spent three days working on a Duchy farm in Somerset, and the previous year he spent a week working with one of his small tenant farmers on the edge of Dartmoor.

The Prince of Wales has taken a more active interest in the running of the estates than any of his predecessors this century. When he assumed active responsibility for the Duchy in 1978, he was the first proper Duke of Cornwall since the last Prince of Wales, later King Edward VIII. In the absence of a male heir to the throne, the title reverts to the sovereign.

The Prince found the estates antiquated and inefficiently run, and producing a small return on capital. Last year, for the first time, the estates provided the Duke with an income of more than £1 million, three-quarters of which he kept for himself, the remaining quarter being given to the Treasury in lieu of income tax. His Duchy income makes it unnecessary for the Prince to claim an allowance from the Civil List.

Last year the Duchy upset its tenants by increasing farm rents by 25 per cent, part of the Prince's plan to modernize and improve the estates

Ex-miners' job funding is doubled

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Government yesterday doubled to £20 million the public money being pumped into job creation for ex-miners.

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said that NCB (Enterprise), the coal board's job creation subsidiary, had in its first year of operation created more than 1,000 jobs in communities affected by pit closures, but that in the next few months the initial £10 million funding would run out.

The announcement was timed to come just before next Monday's publication of the coal board's annual results, expected to show a loss of more than £2 billion.

Critics of the board and the Government are likely to complain that the extra £10 million and the number of new jobs created by NCB (Enterprise) are tiny compared with the estimated 50,000 pit jobs that could be axed in the next four years.

But Mr Walker said the extra cash was not the end of the resources that would be made available. The company had done a *marvellous* job, and it was only the beginning.

By the end of this week, NCB (Enterprise) will have assisted 75 projects in mining areas, creating 1,150 jobs. The cost per job was estimated yesterday at £10,000, of which NCB (Enterprise) has contributed about one-sixth.

Engineers' split with TUC closer

The engineering workers and the TUC continued on collision course yesterday as the front runner for the leadership of the union said it could survive outside the official Labour movement (Our Labour Reporter writes).

Mr Bill Jordan, the favourite to succeed Mr Terry Duffy, as president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers said that it could probably "scrape along" outside the TUC.

Speaking amid reports of a "right-wing TUC" which would also involve the electricians, Mr Jordan, the Midlands secretary, accused TUC leaders of double standards in their "firm but flexible" opposition to employment legislation.

They were "firm" with the engineers over taking Government money for ballots, but "flexible" wth the rest of the movement who had breached other policies.

Several other unions which had covertly supported closed shop ballots under the Employment Act 1982 had not been brought to book, he said.

Referring to the miners' strike, Mr Jordan said the engineers were being made a "scapegoat" for one of the movement's "most glorious defeats" but he hoped "wiser counsels" would prevail

He also said there was no question of handing back the £1.2 million the union had already accepted for ballots.

New war bunker for Whitehall

A command bunker is being constructed under the Ministry of Defence in London to replace the Cabinet Office crisis control centre and the Ministry of Defence control room (our Defence Correspondent writes).

The project, codenamed Pinder, is disclosed in this week's *New Statesman.*

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said yesterday that refurbishment work was required because the present accommodation was cramped and inconveniently laid out. The new facilities would be less vulnerable to sabotage or conventional air attack.

The Ministry refused to comment on a suggestion that a back-up control centre is to be built in deep-level tunnels under Chancery Lane underground station.

Harry Conroy wins NUJ poll in swing to right

Mr Harry Conroy has won the election to be the next general secretary of the National Union of Journalists in a vote which showed a considerable swing to the right (Our Labour Reporter writes).

In a final run-off Mr Conroy won 3,609 votes to 3,090 for Mr Stephen Turner, a *Daily Mirror* journalist.

Mr Jacob Ecclestone, the present deputy general secretary, came third.

Mr Conroy, aged 43, is a Scotsman, who describes himself as a "Kinnock-supporter". Mr Turner said in his election address that he would have no truck with "Trotskyists, communists and other extremists" which had dominated the union leadership.

The election follows the retirement of Mr Ken Ashton, who was the subject of an inquiry over a pension deal.

The number of votes accorded to Mr Turner in the transferable votes system used by the NUJ, shows a marked dissatisfaction with the union's political stand.

The most crucial issue now facing Mr Conroy, a former president of the union, will be new technology and its effect on the newspaper industry.

Mr Conroy spent most of his journalistic career in Scotland and is now father of the chapel (chairman of the office branch) at the *Daily Record* and *Sunday Mail.* He is financial correspondent of the *Daily Record.*

He will preside over a national executive which has political factions from right-wing Labour to ultra-Trotskyist.

In his election address, he lists as his first priority the fight to find a solution in the new technology dispute with the National Graphical Association.

Bradford chairman tells of grief

Mr Stafford Heginbotham, the chairman of Bradford City Football Club, yesterday told the inquest into the fire at the club, in which 56 people died: "I do accept full responsibility for the people who worked for me, for the direction the directors gave and for the people I employed.

"I am head of the club and there was very little that happened at Bradford City that I was unaware of."

Mr Heginbotham spoke, at the hearing in Bradford County Court, of one of the fans who died in the blaze on May 11, Mr Roy Mason, a lifelong supporter.

"We were friends as well as him being a supporter of my club. I am deeply sad and regret what happened."

Mr James Turnbull, the Bradford coroner, interrupted Mr Heginbotham to reassure him: "It has always been clear to me you have never avoided any responsibility, regardless of any particular proceedings".

Mr Heginbotham, aged 55, a toy manufacturer, said that by human nature, supporters at a football ground wanting to dispose of litter such as coffee cups would push it out of sight down holes in the floorboards.

"The G block where the fire started had been the most recent part of the stand to have attention.

"The kick boards were repaired and I would have thought the workmen would have got rid of any substantial amount of litter.

The inquest contines today.

Phillips report 30% increase in turnover

By Our Sale Room Correspondent

Phillips, London's third largest auction house, had a bigger increase in turnover than Sotheby's and Christie's over the past year. The auction houses' end-of-season figures released yesterday, showed a 30 per cent increase to Phillips. Sotheby's was up by 25 per cent and Christie's by 1 per cent.

The Christie's figure is not as bad as it looks. They had a bonanza year in 1983-84 with the Chatsworth drawings, the jewels of Mrs Florence Gould and the contents of Elveden.

For Sotheby's it was the second full season since the company was acquired by Mr Alfred Taubman

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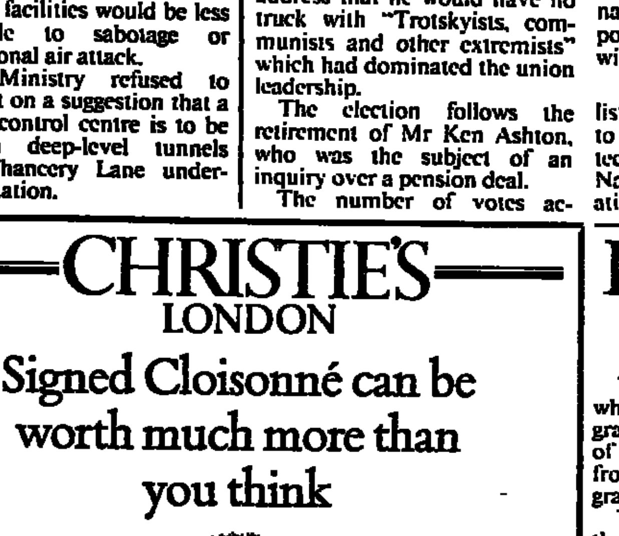

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BBC faces disruption over cuts

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

The BBC faces a stoppage which could disrupt programmes next month as a result of its campaign to switch funds from staff resources to programme-making.

The main union involved in the cuts of up to 4,000 jobs, the Broadcasting Entertainments Trades Alliance, said yesterday that it rejected the Corporation's proposals "absolutely", and would oppose there introduction with industrial action.

BETA members intend to refuse to work any new casual labour introduced by the BBC as part of its cost-cutting exercise, and has also said that it will not work alongside private engineers brought in to cover the work of the corporation's own engineering department which is scheduled to be practically dismantled as a result of the measures.

They will also hold a "day of action" next month which is likely to affect a number of BBC programmes. Mr Paddy Leech, the BETA officer responsible for the negotiations with the corporation, said that the demonstration was an attempt to prove to the BBC the strength of feeling of staff about the cuts.

"We hope this will be the start of a campaign which will alert the public and Parliament to what the BBC is about" Mr Leech said.

The threat of concerted opposition from the BBC unions comes at a time when there is increasing confusion within the Corporation about how the changes outlined by the BBC last week will affect radio. The BBC said at the time of its initial announcement that there would be £6 million of cuts in radio but a development programme of £13 million to pay for the expansion of BBC local radio.

The only cuts outlined by tı BBC in radio last week were the ending of evening transmissions in local radio and some regional economies, but it has since emerged that these fall far short of the £6 million figure. The Corporation refused to comment yesterday on a report in the trade magazine *Broadcast* which said that the economies were originally designed to close Radio 2, merging the service with local radio, and were only defeated by a last-ditch campaign mounted by Mr Richard Francis, the managing director of radio.

IBA criticizes 'bad taste'

By Our Arts Correspondent

The Independent Broadcasting Authority takes two Channel 4 pop programmes to task for bad taste in its annual report released yesterday.

The popular rock show, *The Tube*, created a "number of difficulties", the report says, although the programme was probably the best pop show on British television. It had more than once carried material which was unsuitable for early evening viewing.

The authority also criticized an item, in a late-night Channel 4 concert by the singer Millie Jackson, which it said was "indefensible".

"It would be wrong, however, to leave the impression that the year was fraught with problems of taste", it says. The report praises ITN's coverage of the miners' strike for its high standard of fairness and impartiality, and its reports of the presidential election in the United States.

There were no towering triumphs in the field of ITV drama, although standards had not fallen generally. Granada's version of *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* may have revealed that the plots were less strong than the legends, but the series was lovingly made and good to look at.

***Dempsey and Makepeace* seemed uncertain of itself, as did *The Brief*, where plots and sub-plots were not easy to untangle. The authority defends its decision not to interfere in the production of *The Last Place on Earth*, based on the race by Scott and Amundsen to the South Pole, because it felt there was little likelihood of the public not perceiving the series as television drama.**

TV-am, entering its third year, could look back at a sometimes turbulent beginning in the knowledge that it had established a solid audience base and enhanced its reputation. "It has not so far achieved all the aims set out by its founders or by the IBA, but it is a service that informs and entertains a large audience at and around breakfast", the report says.

Lord Thomson, the authority's chairman, expressed doubts about the possibility of change in the method of financing the BBC. "It is not easy to see how it could be changed in any way without maintaining existing standards," he said.

He also said that Direct Broadcast by Satellite (DBS), which was the subject of a failed consortium between ITV and the BBC, still offered great opportunities to many industries.

● Channel Four is to become a partner in a six-nation television consortium which plans to spend £39 million making more than 100 hours of European drama over the next three years.

21 radio stations planned

The Home Secretary yesterday announced plans for an initial 21 community radio stations, ranging from a neighbourhood operation for the Shetland Isles to five stations in London (David Hewson writes).

The Independent Broadcasting Authority said that it was the first time the Government would have direct editorial control of radio transmissions in Britain.

The stations will get experimental licences for two years and will be chosedn by the Home Secretary from a selection of applicants.

The central criterion in granting licences will be that the stations should broaden the diversity of consumer choice by offering an additional service distinct in character from existing radio.

The small neighbourhood stations to be licenced are in Dumfries (VHF), Rhondda (VHF), Wirral (VHF), Sunderland (VHF), Calderdale (VHF), Solihull (VHF), Rutland (VHF), Lincoln (medium wave), Colchester (VHF), Cambridge (VHF), Purbeck (VHF), Penzance (VHF), Aylsebury (VHF), London (three stations, with a broad geographical spread, 2 VHF, one Medium Wave).

Large neighbourhood stations: Shetland Isles (medium wave), North-west Wales (medium wave). Community of Interest Stations: Greater Manchester (VHF), North London (medium wave), South London (VHF).

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 70 cents; Denmark Dkr 9.00; Finland Mkk 9.00; France Frs 8.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 120; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2400; Luxembourg Lf 46; Madeira Esc 160; Morocco Dir 9.00; Norway Kr 9.00; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 160; Singapore $5.60; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 9.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 60.00; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 350

Straw burning campaign

The Government yesterday launched a £22,000 television, radio and poster advertising campaign, featuring the show business figure Jimmy Savile, to urge farmers to take extra precaustions when burning straw in their fields after this year's harvest (our Agricultural Correspondent writes).

Lord Belstead, Minister of State at the Ministry of Agriculture, said that it was very important that the straw should be disposed of in a way that was acceptable to the public.

He reminded farmers that failure to observe local byelaws would render them liable to fines of up to £2,000 for each offence. The regulations applied not only to straw but also to the residue of other crops such as oilseed rape and field beans and peas, left in the fields after combining.

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Life sentences proposed for motorists who cause death on roads

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Life sentences in prison for motoring offenders who cause fatal injuries are envisaged in a consultative document, commissioned by the Home Office and Department of Transoprt, which was released yesterday.

The tougher penalty, which would replace the current maximum five-year jail term, is part of a package which could also bring about heavier fines confiscation of offender's vehicles, compulsory re-testing and community service, possibly in hospitals.

The independent report, conducted by a six-member inquiry team also suggests that the community service could be determined by the nature of the offence, and the fines related to the offenders' means.

Dr Peter North, principle of Jesus College, Oxford University, who is chairman of the team, said that the proposals would be put to interested parties and the public in a consultation exercise to be completed by November.

Firm recommendation to the Government will be made in a second report before the end of next year.

The report, which suggests "responsibility" courses for some offenders and manslaughter charges against drivers who cause death by driving dangerously, says a number of new measures would make present laws "more simple, more effective and more acceptable".

Compensation orders could also be extended to motoring offences. "It would be seen that the offender was paying something back directly to the victim, rather than, in the case of a fine, to the state."

It says: "Road safety could well be improved by tougher laws and more vigorous policing, but at a price in terms of personal freedom."

Dr North said the review raised serious problems of the potential conflict between safer roads and civil liberties.

In 1983, the last year for which full statistics were available, 5,600 people were killed, or 18 a day, and another 1,000 a day were injured. Road deaths dropped 23 per cent over the previous decade but this was no reason to be complacent, Dr North said. In three days, as many were killed on the roads as in the Bradford football club fire.

There were serious conflicts to be resolved, particularly over dangerous and reckless driving. Many people were outraged by what they considered light penalties for "killer" drivers, but the difficulty was often in securing proof, he said.

The offence of reckless driving was brought in 30 years ago because juries refused to convict on manslaughter charges, Dr North said. This was possibly because they did not wish to put motorists on the same footing as capital offenders.

Juries might now convict, and there was a possible case not only to equate reckless driving with fatal consequences with manslaughter, but for a new offence, causing death by careless driving.

Dr North said the report raised the possibility of assessing penalties according to the consequences, as well as the culpability of the driver.

Wider powers could be given to courts to ban the use private vehicles considered dangerous, or confiscate vehicles owned by motorists convicted of serious offences.

Road Traffic Law Consultation Document, Room C18/15A, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

850 kidney patients a year at risk

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

More than 850 kidney patients a year will die five years from now because of a lack of medical staff and resources, and a shortage of donor organs according to transplant experts.

The target of almost 2,400 kidney transplants annually by 1990 will be "impossible to achieve" unless local hospitals refer more donors to transplant units and there are more surgical, medical and nursing staff, a report by the British Transplantation Society says.

Although most young patients who need kidney dialysis treatment receive it, there is a "notorious and socially unacceptable deficit with respect to diabetics and elderly people", and more such patients could be saved from death "if limitation of resources did not exclude them", the report, in *The Lancet* tomorrow, says.

Last year, 1,531 kidney transplants were carried out, but the potential number suitable for the operation was 243 higher.

Price war a bonus for new car buyers

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Britain's motorists will be able to buy "C" registration cars from next month with bigger price cuts than ever before as manufacturers outbid each other with last-minute increases in dealer incentive bonuses.

These are now so generous that many dealers will be able to sell cars at factory prices by passing on to customers the whole of their 12 to 20 per cent dealer profit margin, depending for their profit on factory incentive payment of between £100 and £1000 for every car sold.

Austin Rover has just informed its dealers that they can earn another £100 to £350 for every car sold in August. This is in addition to existing bonuses of £100 for the Mini, £200 for the Metro, £250 to £300 for Maestros and £100 to £350 on Montegos.

The company has also sent letters to large numbers of potential customers of Rover 213 and 216 models, containing a voucher for £200 to be used after they have agreed a price

General Motors (Vauxhall and Opel) has similarly topped up its incentives with an extra £100 across the board. It was already offering £200 on the Nova, £250 on the Cavalier, £300 on the Manta and £350 on the Carlton.

Now Ford is under pressure to follow suit by dealers worried by the low level of support for Sierra. Ford is, however, offering £200 to £275 on the Fiesta, and up to £350 on the Escort, Orion and Capri. It is expected to announce direct incentives for Sierra

An indirect result of the discount war is that it is easing the pressure on manufacturers to close the gap in prices between Britain and cheaper continental markets. The actual price being paid for many popular models is now between 10 and 20 per cent below recommended retail prices.

There appears little likelihood of recommended prices being re-established. Even those dealers who once decried the discount war are now learning to "play the game". They hold back sales until the current incentive period is nearing its end, knowing that the factory will try to boost its market share for the month with bigger incentive payments.

More NHS resources essential, report says

The National Health Service has significantly improved its productivity in recent years, but extra resources are required if the quality of patient care is to be maintained, the National Association of Health Authorities said yesterday (our Social Services Correspondent writes).

In its annual review of the NHS, the association gave a warning that if gaps in the level of health spending in different parts of the country are to be closed, the switch from hospital to community care acheived, and the needs of the increasing numbers of elderly met, additional resources are now "essential".

Since 1978, the number of cases treated by the NHS has risen "quite dramatically"

Much of that is due to greater efficiency, the NAHA says. Since 1978-79 spending on hospital and community health centres had risen by only 4.6 per cent while growth of 7.6 per cent after allowing for pay and price inflation was needed to cope with the growing numbers of elderly and technological advances in medcine.

NHS Economic Review, NAHA, 47 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham, B15 2RS, £6.00).

Not enough women in electronics

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

Teachers and employers must make a positive effort to encourage girls and women to train in computer and technical skills, the latest government study into the shortage of key professionals in Britain's electronics industry says.

The study, published yesterday, is the third produced by a committee headed by Mr John Butcher, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. The committee recommended that schoolgirls and women already in employment should be instructed on the opportunities which Information Technology (IT) – computers and telecomunications – can offer.

The report says: "IT companies cannot afford to ignore the intellectual resources offered by women.

Signposts for the future, (Available free fro DTI Library, Ashdown House, Room 101, 123 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6RE).

Social worker suspended

A social worker has been suspended, and the use of a social work agency prohibited by Southwark Borough Council, pending an investigation into the death of a boy, aged 6, in Hyde Park, London.

Adrian Wright, of Roland Way, Aylesbury Estate, Walworth, south London, was found floating face down in the park lido during an outing from the council's Chaplin day centre on Wednesday.

The council began a full inquiry yesterday.

His mother was on a council-arranged trip to Margate at the time and is now being looked after by council workers.

An inquest is expected to open at Westminster Coroner's Court next week.

GCE boards' pass rates vary

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

Big differences in the pass rates of the examination boards in GCE O levels and A levels are disclosd in a report published today.

It shows that the percentage of candidates gaining passes with the Associated Examining Board are almost always lower than those of any other board. The pass rates for Oxford and Cambridge board are invariably among the highest.

The report, published by the Joint Matriculation Board on behalf of the GCE boards, says that AEB had more candidates from further education than any other board, and Oxford and Cambridge's candidates tend to be male and from independent schools.

The report also shows big difference between the pass rates in the same subject over a period of time. For example, 49.9 per cent of candidates taking history with the AEB passed in 1982, reached 57.7 per cent in 1983.

The A level pass rates are similar to those at O level with the AEB passing fewer candidates proportionately than any other board, except in English literature. London had the lowest pass rate in English literature, and Oxford and Cambridge had the highest pass rates in English language, mathematics, history, physics and French.

"It is wrong to argue that because Oxford and Cambridge tends to have higher percentages than the other boards this board must be lenient," the report says. "Neither can it be argued that AEB is severe solely on the grounds that its percentages tend to be lower than those of the other boards.

"To take such a view is to ignore the very reasons which have led to the establishment of the different boards which cater for the schools and colleges of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

A second review of GCE comparability studies. (G. M. Forrest and D J. Shoesmith, £1 from GCE boards).

PASS RATES 1984

O level

	AEB	Cambridge	JMB	London	NI	O & C	Oxford	SUJB	WJEC
EngLang.	51.3	63.4	59.0	82.3	65.7	75.6	82.7	59.2	56.2
Maths	53.0	64.7	65.0	64.0	64.1	67.7	64.0	55.7	*
History	51.4	63.2	61.7	54.2	64.7	79.5	54.5	58.8	56.0
Physics	54.6	66.3	62.0	59.8	68.0	70.1	62.0	62.8	60.6
French	53.5	69.6	64.0	72.0	64.0	73.3	64.7	67.0	62.2

*From 1984, the WJEC discontinued its GCE Mathematics (Ordinary) in favour of its common GCE/CSE examination.

A level

	AEB	Cambridge	JMB	London	NI	O & C	Oxford	SUJB	WJEC
Eng. Lit.	71.1	81.1	70.8	67.8	74.3	91.9	71.8	78.2	72.0
Maths	56.2	71.0	69.0	71.5	75.4	84.0	73.3	58.0	72.0
History	59.6	71.9	67.6	68.7	82.2	91.0	70.2	75.5	73.8
Physics	66.2	72.6	69.9	72.0	74.2	85.0	74.3	71.0	70.5
French	67.3	83.9	73.1	72.0	73.6	87.7	72.4	76.3	81.8

Putney flats blast is blamed on gas pipe fractured by lorries

Firemen searching the rubble after the explosion in Putney (Photograph: Jonathan Player).

The explosion that killed eight people in a blast in Putney south-west London, in January was caused by a six-inch cast iron gas main fractured by heavy vehicles, a report by the Health and Safety Executive disclosed yesterday.

The report found that the explosion, which demolished six flats at Newnham House on the Manor Fields estate, on January 10, followed a combination of "very unusual factors".

These included:

- Subsidence in the poorly-built service road at the rear of the flats;
- Concrete drain reinforcement on which the gas main rested acting as a fulcrum for the pressures;
- Pressures from heavy vehicles using the service road;
- Poorly-mortared joints in the flats' brick foundations which allowed the escaping gas to gather beneath the floors.

Dr John Cullen, chairman of the Health and Safety Commission, said: "We accept that the organizations involved with the estate and with the supply of gas could not have foreseen the danger".

He added that the possibility of similar situations occurring elsewhere could not be ruled out, but there was no cause for public alarm. The report recommended that British Gas should investigate nationally the effect in urban areas of factors such as loading through settlement of the group, and by vehicles, on roads and surfaces over gas mains.

The gas corporation needed to review its above-ground techniques for detecting gas leakages in pipes and pipe beds, and make appropriate recommendations, the report said.

Further studies were needed on the movement of gas through soil, or into buildings, and the gas corporation should consider what detection measures might be needed.

Dr Cullen said yesterday that the fractured cast iron main was more than 50 years old, and had been laid when the three-storey building was erected in the 1930s.

The gas blast tore through the flats at 7.15am on January 10 destroying six of them. The noise of the explosion could be heard more than three miles away.

Dr Cullens said yesterday that the report contained certain recommendations which he hoped would be followed urgently.

The Health and Safety Executive had started work on guidance to the construction industry on work near cast iron gas mains he said. South-eastern Gas had begun replacing all the gas mains on the Manor Fields estate.

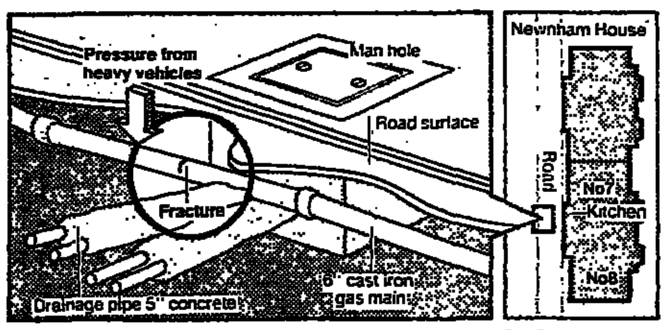
Dr Cullen said that British Gas would have to look carefully at the increasing size of service and other vehicles travelling over gas mains, and the decay of areas near many of the large urban flats that were built during earlier part of the century.

He Said that the executive, in the course of their investigation, had been impressed by British Gas's high standards of safety and maintenance.

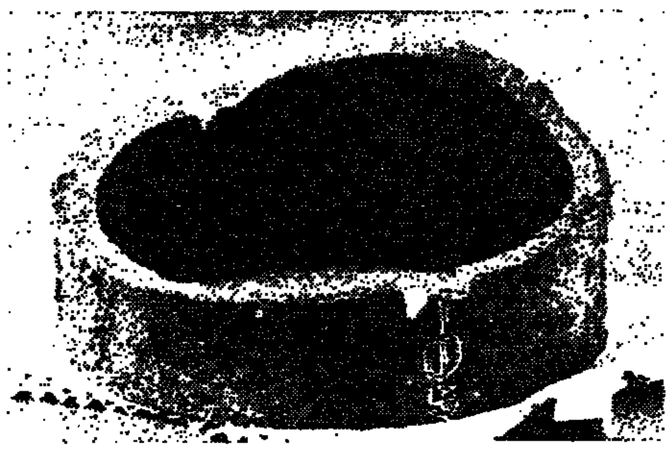
The report concluded that the explosion was caused by the ignition of a flammabel mixture of natural gas and air.

It found that changes in temperatures, in this case freezing winter weather, could have contributed to the failure of the pipe and the frosting of the ground near Newnham House could have increased the likelihood of the preferred route for the escaping gas to go into the building.

The report said that South-eastern Gas was neither to be blamed for assuming, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, that the pipe at Manor Fields was in an acceptable condition, nor could it, as part of its ordinary maintenance, be expected to uncover other such situations if they existed.



The fractured pipe which caused the explosion.



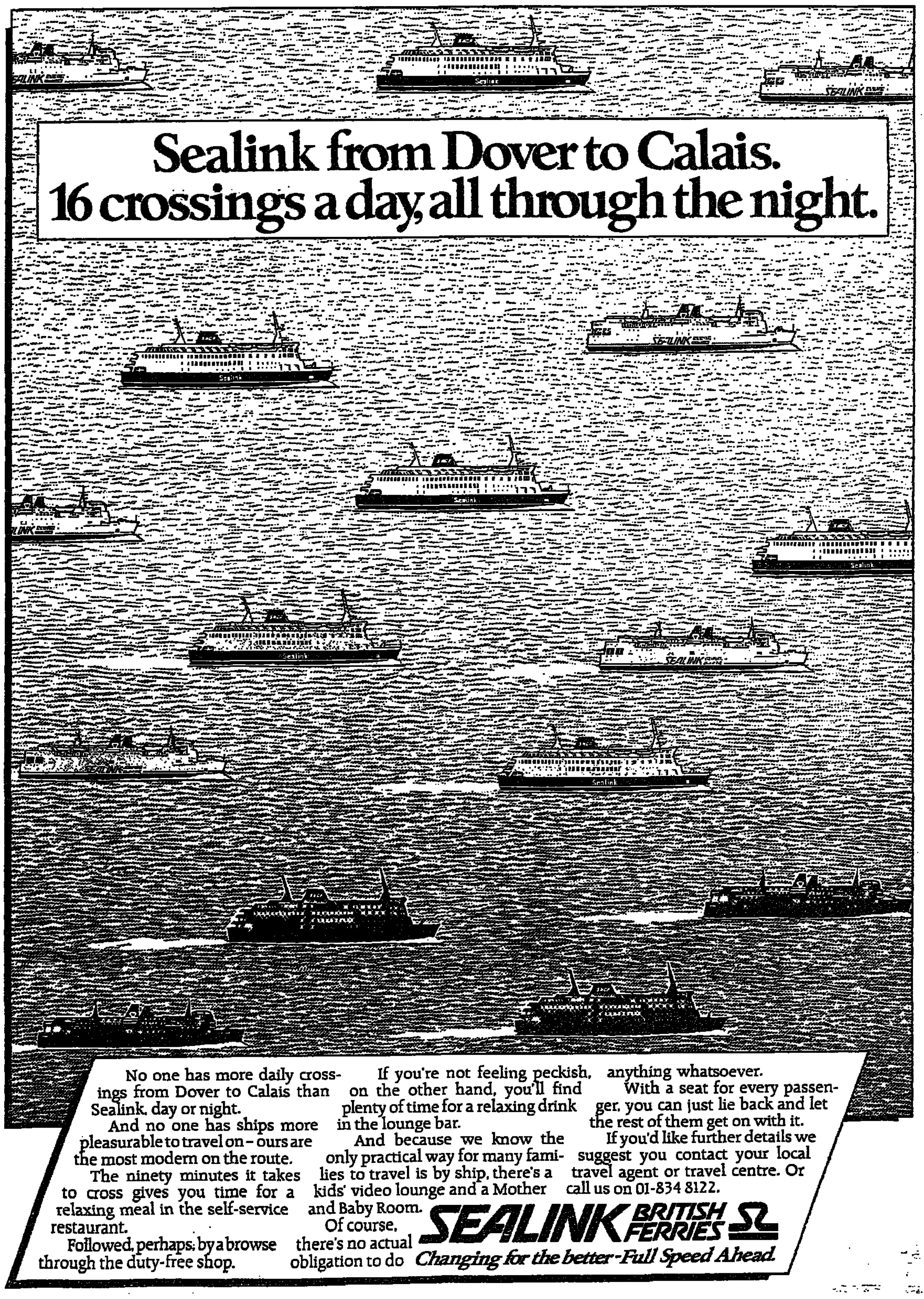
Reports on prince could be contempt

Metropolitan Police solicitors are to investigate an apparent contempt of court in reports that Prince Mashour Bin Saud Abdul Aziz, a nephew of the King of Saudi Arabia, had jumped £150,000 bail while facing a charge of conspiracy to supply cocaine (Rupert Morris writes).

At a remand hearing at Marylebone magistrates' court yesterday, which the Prince attended, his counsel Mr Richard Germain said there had been "an outrageous attempt to pervert the course of public justice" and consideration was being given to libel proceedings.

Mr Geoffrey Finucane for the prosecution, assured Mr Germain that Scotland Yard was not the source of the reports, and added: "The Metropolitan Police solicitors will endeavour to investigate how they arose.

Mr Geoffrey Noel, the magistrate, adjourned the case until August 22.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Rate rises next year should be in low single figures

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The success of rate capping in curbing the excess of the highest spenders means that the generality of local authorities will not have targets or penalties next year. Mr **Patrick Jenkin**, Secretary of State for Environment, said in a statment in the Commons.

He said that the complex rate support grant settlement for England he was announcing for 1986-87 would be fairer to responsible, low-spending local authorities. But it would maintain pressure on higher-spending authorities to find savings and place firm control on the most extravagant authorities. If local government responded sensibly, he said, average rate increases next year should be in low single figures.

Mr Jenkin said he was open to representations for redetermination of expenditure levels. Where an authority applied mainly because it considered the Government had made inadequate allowance for functions inherited from the Greater London Council and metropolitan counties, he would not use his powers to reduce expenditure levels or impose conditions.

That would also apply where a council claimed that special accounting arrangements implied unachievable economies.

Mr Jenkin was also announcing his decisions on selective rate limitation for 1986-87. He said that this year's round of rate limitation had gone well.

It has saved ratepayers over £300 million. We have begun to curb the worst overspending of the most profligate authorities. Despite the disgraceful scenes of violence and intimidation in several town halls, there were majorities in every rate-capped council for complying with the law and the will of this House.

I am today laying before the House, a report setting out how authorities will be selected for rate limitation next year. For authorities not previously selected, I am proposing the same criteria as I used this year: I am selecting authorities whose budgets this year are more than 20 per cent above grant-related expenditure (GRE) and more than 4 per cent above target.

For authorities which were selected this year, I am re-selecting them if their budgeted expenditure is more than 20 per cent above GRE and either more than 1 per cent above target or more than 30 per cent over their expenditure in 1981 and 1982.

On these criteria, two authorities, Liverpool and Newcastle, are selected for the first time: and 10 authorities are re-selected: Basildon, Camden, Greenwich, Hackney, Haringey, Islington, Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark and Thamesdown.

New authorities will come into existence, for which the Government will set expenditure levels and precept limits for three years. In all, the government will next year be limiting the rates or precepts of 32 authorities with expenditure totalling some £3,500 million. This demonstrates the Government's continued determination to rein back the profligacy of the largest overspenders and to prevent extravagance in the initial years of the new authorities.

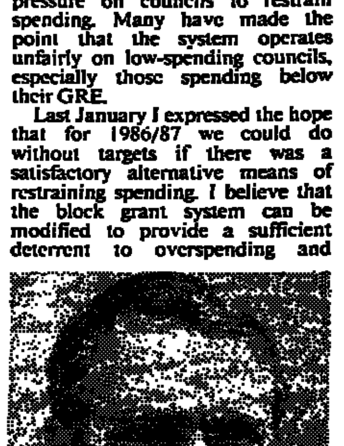
I am setting expenditure levels for the 12 rate-capped authorities. In most cases there will again be a cash standstill on budgeted total expenditure in the current year. In three cases where budgets this year show an exceptionally sharp increases in spending, I am setting lower spending levels.

The Education, Home and Transport Secretaries of State will be making separate announcements about expenditure levels for ILEA and the new joint authorities.

He went on: I am today issuing to local authorities proposals for the main features of the Rate Support Grant settlement for next year.

The target system has operated since 1981/82 in order to put pressure on councils to restrain spending. Many have made the point that the system operates unfairly on low-spending councils, especially those spending below their GRE.

Last January I expressed the hope that for 1986/87 we could do without targets if there was a satisfactory alternative means of restraining spending. I believe that the block grant system can be modified to provide a sufficient deterrent to overspending and accordingly, the system of targets and penalties will not apply next year.(Cheers).



Grant: Recognition of unfair target system

Instead expenditure restraint will be achieved by much stronger block grant pressures. I am proposing sharply to increase the rate at which a council's grant will be reduced as its spending rises in relation to GRE. The system will thus put more weight on the comparison of a council's spending with its GRE. Powerful pressures will remain on those councils which spend well above GRE. I am consulting local government on the details.

I am proposing that aggregate Exchequeur grant should be the same cash sum as in this year's settlement, £11.8 billion, which is likely to be just under 47 per cent of relevant expenditure next year. I am proposing to increase the sum provided for local authority current expenditure of 1986-87, as shown in this year's public expenditure White Paper, by £500 million, to £22.250 billion.

This is less than local authorities would like but the Audit Commission's reports are showing how councils could save hundreds of millions of pounds without reducing services simply by getting better value for money.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, said there was to be more authoritarian central control over local authority spending and budgets. Now, more than 20 million people in more than 30 authorities would have the level of their services and the budgets of their authorities dictated and controlled by Whitehall.

This was the sixth successive year in which this Government had deliberately reduced the rate support grant. The £11.8 billion figure announced would be a cut in real terms of 7 per cent, given the current rate of inflation, because it was a cash freeze. There would be a shortfall on what councils needed to maintain existing services of almost £1 billion next year.

Mr Jenkin said that contrary the comment about more authoritarian control, the abolition of targets meant local authorities would have more control over their own spending.

It had been suggested there would be a £1 billion shortfall on the needs of councils but the Government had increased the amount to be provided in the public expenditure White Paper by £500 million, representing a significant move towards what the local authorities were asking for.

It would be foolish for the Government to fail to indicate to authorities that the RSG settlement was intended to sustain pressure for economies and savings.

Mr Francis Pym (South East Cambridgeshire, C) said the abandonment of targets and penalties would be welcomed with relief. Those who had been campaigning for this would thank Mr Jenkin.

Will he assure me (he added) that he is not going to invent any device comparable in what he is going to do and low spending authorities will receive fair treatment in the future?

Mr Jenkin: I can assure him that low spending authorities below or close to the GRE stand to gain grant but continue to face grant pressures against excessive spending.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool Walton, Lab): He is illogical as he is bringing in penalties by another name. To say Liverpool Council is profligate with all the problems it has got, when he went to Liverpool and was shocked by the housing conditions, and the high levels of unemployment, is it not sheer vindictiveness?

Mr Jenkin: I repudiate utterly that there is any vindictiveness. Liverpool City Council is well able to manage its own affairs if it so chooses to do so. The fear I have is that there are a number of councillors who do not wish to live within the rules like everyone else.

Cunningham: Central control over spending

Mr Robert Brown (Newcastle Upon Tyne North, Lab) said Mr Jenkin had set down Newcastle for ratecapping without giving any details to enable him to savage the Secretary of State.

Mr Jenkin replied that these were only provisional calculations which would be finalized in December and Mr Brown could savage him, or whoever was at the despatch box, in the debate in January.

Newcastle had been a high spending authority for years and there was an outcery this year when a rate increase of about 23 per cent was announced.

Mr Robert Wareing (Liverpool, West Derby, L): Does he not agree, in what is apparently his swansong, that what he has said about Liverpool will be regarded as a gross betrayal of the citizens of that city after his visit there last year when he promised to assist in solving housing problems?

Mr Jenkin: The trouble with Liverpool City Council is that their demands are of such an extravagant size and unreasonableness that to attempt to have discussions on that basis is simply bound to end in tears.

Sir Anthony Grant (South West Cambridgeshire, C): I greatly welcome his recognition, at last, of how unfairly the target system bore upon responsible authorities like Cambridgeshire.

Can he confirm that if, in the future, the authorities in Cambridgeshire pursue the same financial discipline and prudent policies there will be benefit to the ratepayers?

Mr Jenkin: That is quite right, and if they chose to raise their spending sharply they will find they will impose quite considerable penalties on their ratepayers. (Labour laughter) I was not meaning penalties in the sense of targets but that they will find themselves paying higher rates.

● **Mr Nicholas Edwards**, Secrary of State for Wales, in a parallel statement in the Commons, said that he had decieded to abandon targets for 1986-87 but toughen the alternative means of containing spending by raising the rate at which local authorities would lose grant as their spending rose relative to grant-related expenditure.

This would restrain spending as affectively and more fairly then targets would. Local authorities were prepared to accept that as a reasonable price to pay for moving away from selective controls and for restoring a greater measure of local accountability.

He would add £15 million to provision for current expenditure shown in last year's public expenditure white paper, giving an adjusted total of £1,368 million. There would be an £11 million addition, to provision for capital investment.

Buy British cars as quality has improved

INDUSTRY

In once again exhorting people to buy British when they bought a car, **Mr John Butcher**, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, told the Commons this morning (Thursday) that in doing so he could expect correspondence from people saying that having taken that advice they ended up with a "rogue" car that was faulty.

I have a solicitor in Bristol (he said) o enjoys responding to any exhortation to buy British. I have noted his past leters. I hope he no longer has any reason for complaining about quality.

With the change in the number plate suffix, thay were coming up to the peak time for buying cars and someone usually exhorted people to buy British. This year there was more reason than ever for British consumers to take note of the tremendous improvement in the quality of British cars.

Those really concerned about job creation could play their part by buying British. It was time for consumers to look at the product in the interests not only of consumer satisfaction but in the broader interests of the British economy.

The level of import penetration was uncomfortably high British cars were matching those of competitors in terms of quality and price.

He was replying to a debate on the state of the motor industry initiated by **Mr Roger King** (Birmingham, Northfield, C) and in which **Mr Tam Dalyell** (West Lothian, Lab) and **Mr Alan Williams**, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, took part. They particularly criticized the penal level of tariff on British car exports to Spain compared with the low tariff on Spanish cars coming into Britain.

Mr King considered that those people who bought or handled Spanish Seat cars were not acting in a patriotic way. Those people who buy Seat cars from October onwards (he said) are buying people in this country out of a job. I hope the dealers will be boycotted.

He also suggested ending the registration late suffix system because of the problems it caused.

The Wednesday sitting ended at 9.24am Thursday.

Lorry tax disc

Mr Michael Spicer, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said in a Commons written reply he agreed a distinctive heavy goods vehicle tax disc would aid enforcement and the department was considering the practical implications, including costs. The views of the police would be sought shortly.

Royal Assent

The following Acts received the Royal Assent: Finance, Appropriation, Interception of Communications, Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc), Trustee Savings Banks, Wildlife and Countryside (Service of Notices), Child Abduction and Custody, Hastings Pier and Oxfordshire.

Sanctions would hit black people badly

SOUTH AFRICA

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, relied heavily on the words of Mrs Helen Suzman, the Progressive Federal Party MP, in a question time defence of the Government's rejection of sanctions against South Africa.

The Government (Mrs Thatcher said) believes sanctions would hit very badly the black population of South Africa and would, as Mrs Suzman says, be counter-productive.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, had asked Mrs Thatcher if, while on her forthcoming visit to Washington, she would tell Vice-President Bush why Britain, unlike the United States, had not withdrawn its ambassador from South Africa.

Will she (Mr Hattersley continued) tell Mr Bush why the Government, unlike Congress and the US Senate, have not attempted to ban new investment in that apartheid regime?

Mrs Thatcher: While events are taking place in South Africa, it is extremely important we have first-hand reviews of them from our ambassador who can carry out a considerable duty in doing that.

With regard to sanctions and investments, I believe the US Administration is against them.

Mrs Helen Suzman recently said about them: "It is perfectly clear many options are presently under consideration with disinvestment and sanctions much to the fore. Campaigns for such actions have reached tidal wave proportions in the United States.

"If I thought they would work they would have my unconditional support."

Mrs Suzman went on: "Not only do I not believe these campaigns would be effective, I believe they would be counter-productive.

Mr Hattersley: At first sound that sounds exactly like the feeblest sort of excuse. But I have no doubt at all that Mrs Thatcher actually believes her annswer. That is because she is wholly incapable of understanding the importance of giving a moral lead on this or any other issue.

Mrs Thatcher: Mrs Suzman was very clear in the advice she gave. THe Government believes sanctions would hit very badly the black population of South Africa and would, as Mrs Suzman says, be counter-productive.

● The Prime Minister indicated that after question time she would be leaving for a brief visit to Washington.

Mrs Ann Clwyd (CYNON Valley, Lab): Before she leaves the country today will she reflect that most of my constituents hope that she will never come back. (Protests and laughter.)

Mr David Winnick (Walsall, North, Lab): We want her.

Mrs Thatcher: They will be disappointed but I cannot believe that she would necessarily say that a majority of her constituents would not relish political debate.

Healey demands action

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, in a Commons debate early today (Thursday) on South Africa, called on the Government immediately to take five steps.

These were: to withdraw the British ambassador from South Africa; ban all new loans and new investment; make compulsory the EEC code of conduct for European firms to South Africa; tighten the arms embargo; and begin to establish informal contact with the African National Congress.

He said some of these would be symbolic rather than practical in their consequences but Britain must start serious discussions on what UN mandatory sanctions it would be sensible to introduce if and when that proved to be necessary.

The Government's arguments against South Africa are contradicted (he said) by its own behaviour at this moment and in recent years. If we do not start by taking at least the minimal measures I have listed, we will not only be failing in our political and human duty but will be isolating ourselves from our friends all over the world.

There was growing support in Europe for sanctions. There was not the slightest doubt other European countries would follow France. The Government had not a leg to stand on in its present policy. The policy of constructive engagement lay in shambles.

Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab) who initiated the debate said he would much rather follow the French today than follow the Americans later on because as sure as night follows day when the Americans move, Britain would follow. I hope the Government will respond to the changing situation (he said) and at least in the same minimal way the French have done.

Sir John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C) said sanctions could only do harm. They could put British workers out of a job: they could ruin South African workers and producers, coloured and black. He was not impressed by the withdrawal of the French ambassador.

Mr Joh Carlisle (Luton North, C) said he was not willing to sacrifice black jobs in South Africa for sanctimonious trade sanctions.

Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs said the Government remained opposed to economic sanctions against South Africa, and there was no constructive alternative to remaining closely and continuously involved and working for positive peaceful change.

Sanctions simply would not work, they virtually never did. Sanctions would merely reinforce the lager mentality. The brunt of economic measures would be born by the black South Africans which would be bound to increase the bitterness and violence that already existed.

Sanctions would affect the economies of South Africa's neighbours. There would be adverse effects for the British economy. Britain had much at stake in South Africa.

Peace plans developed after sinking of Belgrano

FALKLANDS WAR

It did not seem to be understood that the Peruvian peace plans were developed in the succeeding four or five days after the sinking of the General Belgrano, **Mr Francis Pym** (South East Cambridgeshire, C), who was Foreign Secretary at the time of the Falklands war, said in an intervention during Commons business questions.

Mr Pym said many Labour MPs were trying to perpetuate the myth that there was something ungenuine about the visit he made to Washington and New York on May 1 and 2, 1982.

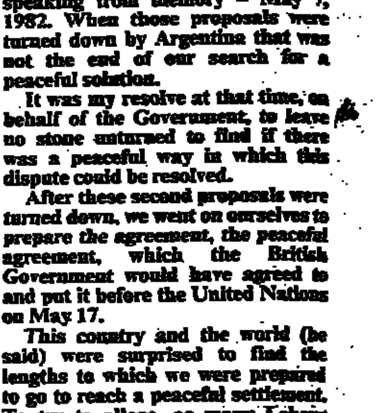
I have given (he went on) the full story to the Select Committee. They know the whole details. I described exactly what happened during my visit. What does not seem to be understood and has not been fully brought out in the conclusions of the Select Committee on Foreign Affairs is that the Peruvian plans which on May 2 were in such an extremely early, tentative stage were developed in the succeeding four or five days after the Belgrano was sunk.

I made a statement about these proposals in this House on Friday – speaking from memory – May 7, 1982. When those proposals were turned down by Argentina that was not the end of our search for a peaceful solution.

It was my resolve at that time, on behalf of the Government, to leave no stone unturned to find if there was a peaceful way in which this dispute could be resolved.

After these second proposals were turned down, we went on ourselves to prepare the agreement, the peaceful agreement, which the British Government would have agreed to and put it before the United Nations on May 17.

This country and the world (he said) were surprised to find the lengths to which we were prepared to go to reach a peaceful settlement. To try to allege, as many Labour MPs do, that in some way this search for a peaceful solution was ungenuine is an absolute lie.



Pym: I was resolved to leave no stone unturned

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) said here they had a former Foreign Secretary referring to proposals when the Prime Minister said no mention of thes proposals reached London until three hours after the Belgrano was sunk.

In answer to Mr Denzil Davies (chief Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament) she had said the first indication of the Peruvian peace proposals reached London at 11.15pm on Sunday, May 2. That was not the story, rightly or wrongly, of the Foreign Secretary.

Thatcher: I am here and I will remain here

TORY REVOLT

The events of Tuesday night when the Government's majority fell to 17, continued to be reflected in exchanges during question time in the Commons.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, asked about the reported threat by Mr John Wakeham, Government Chief Whip, to Conservative MPs that Mrs Thatcher would resign office if defeated in the vote on the Lord Chancellor's salary.

Mr Steel said to the Prime Minister: When the chief whip offered the prospect of her resignation, was it offered with or without her authority?

Mrs Thatcher: I am sorry to disappoint him. I am here and I will remain here. I am delighted to receive attacks from Mr Steel. It means that I am usually right.

Earlier, during questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Neil Hamilton (Tatton, C), in referring to the need to lower the burden of public expenditure, commented amid loud Conservative laughter: It would be a jolly good thing if the Chief Whip were to take spending ministers into his office in groups of six and give them a good talking to about the Government's objectives.

Writ will be vigorously contested

TREASURY

The writ served on the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr Nigel Lawson) by Arthur Young McClelland Moores, auditors to Johnson Matthey Bankers at the time of the bank's collapse, would be "most vigorously contested". **Mr Ian Stewart**, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said during Commons questions.

Earlier, Mr Stewart told Mr **David Alton** Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L) that Mr Lawson had discussed with the Governor to the Bank of England the terms of his statement to the House of July 17 about an inquiry into the possibility of criminal offences in connection with the collapse.

Mr Alton: In view of the fiasco at Johnson Matthey, how many heads have rolled in the Bank of England?

Given that Mr Lawson had said the Bank had been too busy to look into the gaps in Johnson Matthey records, why had not outside assistance been called in?

Mr Stewart: The position of staff of the Bank of England is a matter for the Governor. Mr Lawson did not say that the present management of JMB was too busy. He explained that the affairs of Johnson Matthey were in a chaotic state and that it took a long time to sort out and establish that there were gaps in the documentation.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said in view of the dilatoriness shown by the Chancellor, the Governor of the Bank of England and all the rest of them over this affair, it would not come very nicely for the taxpayer to have to foot the bill for any legal expenses that might be incurred by the Chancellor as a result of recent events.

If the Chancellor was prepared to use taxpayers' money to the tune of £100 million for this rescue, it must be wrong for taxpayers to foot the bill for legal expenses arising out of the writ.

Mr Stewart: Contrary to what Mr Skinner suggested, Mr Lawson has been punctilious in reporting to the House about the JMB affair.

He had reported last week in a statement as soon as it was clear that the JMB management wished to invite the City of London Police to conduct a prelinary inquiry.

A writ was served on the auditors on Tuesday and it was in response to that writ that a writ was served by the auditors on the Chancellor. That writ would be most vigorously contested.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C) said the most important aspect of this affair was confidence in the City of London so it was right for the Bank of England to intervene and right for the Government to uncover what had gone on in the past to make sure it did not recur.

Mr Stewart agreed. There were important lessons on banking supervision to be learnt and that was the subject of Mr Lawson's announcement on June 20.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab): Some of us do not think that the technical officials of the Bank of England were at fault. Will ministers confirm their total confidence in Mr Walker and Mr McMahon?

Mr Stewart: I do not propose to be led into making comments on any individual officials.

Interest and exchange rates defended

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, defended in the Commons the rise in the exchange rate, with the sterling index standing at 84.3 at noon today (Thursday), and reiterated that he did not think it was in Britain's best interests to join the European monetary system at the present time.

Mr Kenneth Weetch (Ipswich, Lab) wondered if the Chancellor had read criticism of the rise in the exchange rate made by the Director General of the CBI, Sir Terence Beckett, in which he pointed out that if the exchange rate went any higher it would threaten the competitive position unfairly of British firms in the foreign market?

A few years ago (Mr Weetch added) a sharp rise in the exchange rate threw many sound firms into serious difficulties. Is there any exchange policy and, if so, what is it?

Mr Lawson: I recall when sterling fell during the early part of this year I was called to the House by the Opposition complaining about the fall. Now I see it is complaining about the subsequent recovery.

Mr John Maples (Lewisham West, C): Does Mr Lawson not think in retrospect that a good time to join hte EMS might have been around the end of January when the pound/deutschmark stood at about 3½?

Mr Lawson: The fundamental question about the EMS is not particularly the exchange rate at which one joins but whether it is in our interests that we join at all.

This is a matter we keep constantly under review but at the present time we have not thought it is in our best interests to do so.

Mr Terence Davis an opposition spokesman on treasury matters: Is the value of the pound the result of a deliberate policy decision by the Government or simply due to drift?

Mr Lawson: That is the first time I have heard the recovery of this country being attributed to drift.

While I am happy to accept responsibility for the Goverment in taking the exchange rate into account in its monetary and financial policy, the Goverment does not have the power to set a particular rate. That is set by foreign exchange markets.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP): Will Mr Lawson not listen to the widespread anxiety felt in industry about the rising level of unemployment and liquidations later this year if preent interest rates and exchange rates continue?

Mr Lawson: They are almost exacity what they were in 1983. Had we taken the advice during the election campaign offered by Mr Wrigglesworth's party and joined the EMS that would have fixed the rate. We remain at that rate now so I fail to see what he is complaining about.

Mr Michael Hirst (Strathkelvin and Bearsden, C): What hope is there for a reduction in interest rates later on this year?

Mr Lawson: I do hold out hope, at the appropriate time, for a reduction in interest rates.

Mr Austin Mitchell (Great Grimsby, Lab): Every mortgage, every hire purchase contract, every overdraft and every unit of local government has been crippled by high interest rates just to keep the pound at an over-valued level.

Mr Lawson: There is no way of controlling monetary policy without having interest rates at a sufficiently high level and there is no way of controlling inflation without having a proper control of monetary conditions.

● Asked to give an assurance that the Government did not intend to join the fashionable cry aimed at reducing the dollar against the value of other currencies, Mr Lawson said: I do think it would be healthier for the world economy if the existing disequilibrium in the United States were to be corrected by some further fall in the foreign exchange parity of the dollar

Exercise of human rights in Russia

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

A visit by representatives of the National Union of Mineworkers to the Soviet Union was not a matter for the Government. **Lady Young**, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said at question time in the House of Lords.

She was answering **Lord Chelwood** (C) who pointed out: some members of the NUM are due to go to the Soviet Union for ideological tuition under the auspices of the Higher Trade Union School of Moscow.

If the British Ambassador were asked, would he use his good offices to facilitate a visit to the gulachs and psychiatric hospitals where these unhappy people are incarcerated, including people whose only crime was to try to establish elementary trade union rights?

Lady Young: We are aware of the visit referred to. The programme of the NUM representatives in Moscow is their affair. It is not a matter for our Ambassador

We would, however, hope that the visitors to the Soviet Union might view the extreme difficulties confronting Soviet citizens who seek to exercise their basic human rights, which we in Britain have learned to take for granted.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Summer adjournment debates. **Lords. (11):** Social security up-rating orders.

Next week's business

The main business in the House of Lords next week will be:

Monday: Transport Bill, committee, sixth day. Motion to increase the Lord Chancellor's salary.

Tuesday: Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, committee.

Wednesday: Oil and Pipelines Bill, committee.

The main business in the Commons when MPs return after the summer recess on October 21 will be:

October 21: Debate on industrial innovation and design.

October 22: European Communities (Finance) Bill, remaining stages.

October 23: Debate on an Opposition motion on a topic to be announced.

October 24: Debate on reports of the Public Acccounts Committee.

October 25: Debate on alterntive sources of energy.

Government business will be taken during the week starting October 28. The new session of Parliament will start on November 6.

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Apartheid ban on rugby club unlawful

Wheeler and Others v Leicester City Council

Before Lord Roskill, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brightman, Lord Templeman and Lord Griffiths

[Speeches sold July 25]

A resolution of Leicester City Council banning the Leicester Football Club and its members from using a recreation ground at Welford Road, Leicester for 12 months, was unfair and unreasonable and was a misuse of the council's statutory powers relating to the control of open spaces.

The House of Lords so held, allowing an appeal by Peter John Wheeler, William Henry Hare, Graham George Willars, Peter Herbert, Kevin Andrews and Robert Albert Allen, acting on their own behalf and on behalf of the other members of the club, from a judgment dated March 14, 1985 of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Ackner and Sir George Waller, Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson dissenting) (*The Times*, March 15, 1985; [1985] 2 All ER 151) who dismissed their appeal from a decision of Mr Justice Forbes who on September 27, 1984 refused their application for judicial review of the council's resolution.

Mr Gavin Lightman, QC, Mr John Randall and Mr Jonathan Crystal for the club members; Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC, and Mr David Mole for the council.

LORD ROSKILL said that on March 30, 1984 the Rugby Football Union announced that they had accepted an invitation to take a touring side to South Africa. The membership of that side included three members of the club who were regular England players.

At the council's invitation a meeting took place on April 12, 1984 between Mr Soulsby, the leader of the council and representatives of the club. Mr Soulsby put four questions to the club and indicated that "the club's response would only be acceptable if in effect all four questions were answered in the affirmative".

The questions were: (1) Did the club support the government opposition to the tour? (2) Did the club agree that the tour was an insult to the large proportion of the Leicester population? (3) Would the club press the Rugby Football Union to call off the tour? (4) Would the club press the players to pull out of the tour?

On May 14, 1984 Mr Allen, the secretary and a former captain of the club, handed to Mr Soulsby a written statement of the club's response, which stated, *inter alia*, "The club join with the council in condemning apartheid but recognize that there are differences of opinion over the way in which the barriers of apartheid can be broken down. The Government have not declared sporting contacts illegal or even applied sanctions against those involved in tours. Their opposition is on an advisory basis . . . leaving the decision to the individuals concerned. . . . Rugby union players as amateur sportsmen have individual choice as to when and where they play, subject only to the constraints of RFU rules and club loyalty. . . . However, the club, having read the memorandum . . . prepared by the anti-apartheid movement and accepting the serious nature of its contents, have supplied copies to the tour players and asked them to seriously consider the contents before finally reaching a decision whether to tour."

Mr Soulsby did not think the club's response had "gone far enough to satisfy the controlling Labour group on the council". On August 21, 1984 the council passed a resolution that the club be suspended from using the Welford Road recreation ground for 12 months and that the situation be reviewed at the end of that period in the light of the club's attitude to sporting links with South Africa.

It was important to emphasize that there was nothing illegal in the action of the three members in joining the tour. The government policy recorded in the Gleneagles agreement had never been given the force of law at the instance af any Government, whatever its political complexion.

A person who acted otherwise than in accordance with the principles of that agreement committed no offence, even though he might by his action earn the moral disapprobation of large numbers of his fellow citizens.

That the club condemned apartheid, as did the council, admitted of no doubt, but the council's actions against the club were not taken because the club took no action against its three members. They were taken, according to Mr Soulsby, because the club failed to condemn the tour and to discourage its members from playing.

The point was put by counsel for the council: "The club failed to align themselves wholeheartedly with the council on a controversial issue." The club did not condemn the tour and did not give specific affirmative answers to the first two questions.

Thus, so the argument ran, the council, legitimately bitterly hostile to the policy of apartheid, were justified in exercising their statutory discretion to determine by whom the recreation ground should be used, so as to exclude those who would not support the council's policy on the council's terms.

The club had however circulated to those involved, the powerfully reasoned and impressive memorandum by the anti-apartheid movement.

There was no doubt of the club's own opposition to apartheid, but it recognized that those views, like those of the council, however passionately held by some, were by no means universally held, especially by those who sincerely believed that the evils of apartheid were enhanced rather than diminished by a total prohibition of all sporting links with South Africa.

The council's main defence rested on section 71 of the Race Relations Act 1976, which provided: " . . . it shall be the duty of every local authority to make appropriate arrangements with a view to securing that their various functions are carried out with due regard to the need – (a) to eliminate unlawful racial discrimination; and (b) to promote equality of opportunity, and good relations, between persons of different racial groups".

It was argued on for the club that that section should be given a "narrow" construction, and that it was only concerned with the internal actions of the council.

It was suggested that it had no relevance to the general exercise by any local authority of their statutory functions, as for example in relation to the control of open spaces or in determining who should be entitled to use the recreation ground and on what terms.

It was said that the section was expressed in terms of a "duty," but that it did not impose any duty so as to compel the exercise by a local authority of other statutory functions in order to achieve the objectives of the Act.

His Lordship unhesitatingly rejected that argument. The whole purpose of the section was to see that in relation to matters other than those specifically dealt with such as employment and education, local authorities must in relation to "their various functions" make "appropriate arrangements" to secure that those functions were carried out "with due regard to the need" mentioned in the section.

It followed that the council were fully entitled in exercising their statutory discretion under, for example, the Open Spaces Act 1906 and the various public health Acts, to pay regard to what they thought was in the best interests of race relations.

The only question was therefore whether the action of the council was susceptible of attack by way of judicial review. It was argued by the council that once it was accepted that section 71 bore the construction for which the council contended the matter became one of political judgment only, and that by interfering, the courts would be trespassing across that line which divided a proper exercise of a statutory discretion based on a political judgment, in relation to which the courts must not and would not interfere, from an improper exercise of such a discretion, with which the courts would interfere.

The crucial question was whether the conduct of the council, in trying by their four questions to force acceptance by the club of their own policy (however proper that policy might be) on their own terms, could be said to be "unreasonable" on the principles in *Associated Provincial Picture Houses v Wednesbury Corporation* ([1948] 1 KB 223) or to be so fundamental a breach of the duty to act fairly which rested upon every local authority in matters of that kind as to justify interference by the courts.

There was no doubt of the great importance which the council attached to the presence in their midst of a 25 per cent population of persons who were either Asian or of Afro-Caribbean origin.

There was no doubt of the sincerity of the council's view regarding the need to distance itself from bodies which held important positions and which did not actively discourage sporting links with South Africa.

Persuasion, even powerful persuasion, was always a permissible way of seeking to obtain an objective.

But in a field where other views could equally legitimately be held persuasion, however powerful, should not be allowed to cross that line where it moved into the field of illegitimate pressure coupled with the threat of sanctions.

The four questions, coupled with the insistence that only affirmative answers to all four would be acceptable, were suggestive of more than powerful persuasion. The actions of the council were unreasonable in the *Wednesbury* sense.

Moreover, the manner in which the council took that decision was in all the circumstances a "procedural impropriety" as defined by Lord Diplock in the *Council of Civil Service Unions v Minister for the Civil Service* ([1985] AC 374).

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that there were two views about the tour among the opponents of apartheid, the view taken by the council, a view which his Lordship shared, was that the tour would endorse the racist policies of the South African Government.

The council agreed that the opposite view, that maintaining sporting links with South Africa helped break down apartheid, was sincerely held by other opponents of apartheid.

The council did not contend that the club should have threatened or punished the three members who participated in the tour or that the club could properly have done so. Nevertheless the club had been punished by the council for "failing to condemn the tour and to discourage its members from playing".

The laws of this country were not like the laws of Nazi Germany. A private individual or private organization could not be obliged to display zeal in the pursuit of an object sought by a public authority and could not be obliged to publish views dictated by a public authority.

The club having committed no wrong, the council could not use their statutory powers in the management of their property or other statutory powers in order to punish the club.

That did not mean that the council was bound to allow its property to be used by a racist organization or by any organization which, by its actions or its words, infringed the letter or the spirit of the Race Relations Act 1976. But the attitude of the club was a perfectly proper one, caught as they were in a political controversy which was not of their making.

Lord Bridge, Lord Brightman and Lord Griffiths agreed.

Solicitors: Farrer & Co for R G Frisby & Small, Leicester; Sharpe, Pritchard & Co for Mr Arthur Price-Jones, Leicester.

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Proposals include needs-related allowance and linking of rents to capital value

Inquiry on British housing calls for phasing out of tax relief on home loans

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

The inquiry into British housing, chaired by the Duke of Edinburgh, which reported yesterday, recommends radical changes, including the introduction of a new needs-related housing allowance, a new basis for setting rents based on the capital value of the property, changed functions for local authorities and measures to improve housing conditions.

The key recommendation in the report of the inquiry, set up a year ago, is the needs-related housing allowance, which would replace the existing forms of personal support, such as housing benefit for tenants, mortgage interest tax relief for owner-occupiers, and the housing ingredient in supplementary benefit.

This allowance, the report says, would be available to everyone in need, depending on their resources and requirements. It would help elderly owner-occupiers: those on low incomes buying their own homes; and tenants of local authorities and of other landlords.

In 1885 the Royal Commission on housing for the working classes reported a harrowing account of overcrowding and extremes of disrepair. A hundred years later the National Federation of Housing Associations set up an inquiry, under the chairmanship of their patron, the Duke of Edinburgh, to look at the situation now, and to mark its own golden jubilee.

The members of the inquiry included representatives of housing bodies, building societies, the church, political and consumer organizations. Evidence was taken from about a 80 bodies; that was published in January.

The Duke of Edinburgh then said that two main themes ran through their work: the difficulties facing the many people who wanted to rent a home rather than to buy; and the anomalies between financing owner-occupation and rented housing. "We feel sure that a more rational and fair structure could be devised to the benefit of all parties," he concluded.

That thread runs through the second report of the inquiry. It advocates a series of changes which, together, would bring about a "reorganization of key financial and administrative arrangements", which the committee believe would gradually cure the majority of "current ailments.

The needs-related housing allowance would, the committee claims create fairness between tenants and owner-occupiers, between home owners with mortgages and those without, and between all tenants.

By helping individuals with cash rather than offering them a specific dwelling, it would allow greater choice between owning and renting, between homes of different quality and between homes provided by different landlords. By directing public money where it is most needed, it would make the most efficient and effective use of the available resources.

The committee points out that a central part of this reallocation of resources is the gradual withdrawal of mortgage interest tax relief. "The need-related housing allowance will replace this support for owners with low or limited incomes. For others, the impact of our recommendation will be minimized by the slow and careful phasing out of existing relief".

The report outlines the problems in the present system of financial support for owner-occupiers, including the lack of help to poorer owners, and heavy costs to the Exchequer.

The report says that while renting has the advantage of passing responsibility to the landlord to plan and save for maintenance and repair, the owner does not get this service. But he or she can exercise more choice in deciding when to spend money on repairs and improvements.

The committee believes there should be a more even handed treatment between the tenures and a gradual shift to "fiscal neutrality" between owning and renting. Its "preferred" course of action is the abolition of mortgage interest tax relief, although sudden abolition "would greatly disrupt the housing market, and mean that owners were suddenly faced with costs they could not meet."

The committee suggests that a phased withdrawal could be achieved by reducing the capital sum on which mortgage interest tax relief could be claimed progressively at 10 per cent a year. Another option could be withdrawal in two or three years' time of all mortgage interest tax relief other than at the basic rate of tax, and a progressive withdrawal at 10 per cent a year of all other mortgage interest.

On the causes of present housing problems, the report blames the financial framework which governs housing, suggesting that it is responsible for the reduction of personal freedom and choice, the imbalance between owning and renting, the decline of the privately rented sector, constraints on development in the public and housing association sectors, and inadequate maintenance and improvement levels in all sectors.

As well as reform of the financial framework, the committee calls for more rented housing; better housing conditions; and changes in the role of local authorities.

On rents, the committee recommends a new basis for setting rents in all sectors, related to the capital value of the property, thereby reflecting its popularity in market terms. Capital value rents would not be unregulated open market rents, but would be set to achieve a fair and reasonable return.

It would create the opportunity for choice for tenants by placing all tenancies on a common basis and encourage the letting of empty and under-occupied property.

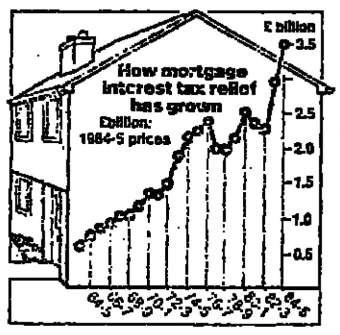
On the role of local authorities, the report recommends a new approach, emphasizing a more strategic role, with more involvement in research and co-ordination in supporting the efforts of all providers of housing and in the enforcing of standards in all sectors.

The inquiry was set up in May 1984, and the Duke of Edinburgh asked that evidence should be submitted before the committee met, which it did first in the autumn. Evidence came from about 80 bodies, with further submissions from 300 organizations and individuals.

The cost of the inquiry was mainly in research, which North Housing Association paid with an £18,000 grant. The other main cost was printing the reports.

Inquiry into British Housing: Report **(National Federation of Housing Associations, 175 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8UP; £4.95, post free).**

The Duke of Edinburgh introducing the report, flanked by members of the inquiry (Photograph: Warren Harrison).



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Income band	Taxpayers receiving relief (000s)	%	Total relief £m	%	Average relief per mortgage £
£20 000 and over	495	8.5	412	19 0	830
£15 000-19 999	760	13 1	353	16.2	465
£10,000-14 999	1960	33.5	745	34 3	380
£5,000-9,999	2255	38 7	637	29.3	280
Under £5000	360	6.2	26	1.2	70
Total	5820	100	2173	100	370

Source: *Hansard* 3 February 1984

Changes in public expenditure

1984/85	increase 1979/80 1984/85
Defence	+22.8%
Education/science	+1.0%
Health	16.7%
Social security	+28.4%
Industry, energy, trade, employment	+17 8%
Housing	−54.6%
Other environment services	−6.39%
Law, order, protective services	+29.1%
Scotland	+3.1%
N Ireland	+7 1%

Source: The Government's Expenditure Plans

Duke's role has no modern precedent

By Rupert Morris

The Duke of Edinburgh's intervention on a matter of such fundamental political importance as national housing policy was unprecedented in recent times, academics and constitutional experts agreed yesterday.

However, the absence of rules governing the behaviour of the monarch's consort resulted in a general reluctance either to applaud or criticize the Duke's actions.

Mr Vernon Bogdanor, a Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford, wrote in his book *Multi-party politics and the Constitution:* The sovereign's position depends upon her remaining strictly neutral in political matters and above the party battle. This can be achieved only if the sovereign acts on the advice of ministers who are willing to assume responsibility for her actions".

Yesterday Mr Bogdanor said: "This does not apply to the consort for whom there are no clear constitutional guidelines".

Sir William Wade, Master of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge University, said that while there was indeed no constitutional restraint on the Duke, "there is a firm convention that members of the royal family do not intervene in politically sensitive matters".

The most obvious precedent for political intervention by the consort was the role of Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's consort, who frequently angered Lord Palmerston, the then Prime Minister.

Prince Albert played an important diplomatic role by relaying his conversations with foreign royal families to the Foreign Office.

In 1885 the Prince of Wales served on the Royal Commission on the Housing of Working Classes.

Edward VIII was arguably the monarch who showed himself most inclined to intervene in political matters, being unwilling to accept British foreign policy on Italy or Germany, and intervening, shortly before his abdication, to plead on behalf of the unemployed in South Wales.

Disraeli said of the monarch's role: "The principles of the English constitution do not contemplate the absence of personal influence on the part of the sovereign; and if they did, the principles of human nature would prevent the fulfilment of such a theory".

Britons to raise plight of Soviet Jews

By Patricia Clough

British delegates are to raise the plight of Soviet Jews, among other human rights' issues at the World Festival of Youth in Moscow, a spokesman for the British Youth Council has said.

The British delegation, which leaves for Moscow today, includes representatives of the National Organization of Labour Students, Young Liberals, young Quakers, young Methodists, young Jews and the Student Christian Movement. The Young Conservatives are not going.

The plight of "refuseniks", who are refused permission to leave the Soviet Union, deprived of jobs or the chance to study and treated as social outcasts, will be raised in political discussion during the week-long festival, which begins tomorrow.

Anti-abortion group favours lowering of age

LIFE, the anti-abortion organization, is to support an amendment to the Infant Life Preservation Act to lower the age limit for abortion, without attempting to change other aspects of the abortion law (Our Social Services Correspondent writes).

Mrs Nuala Scarisbrick, administrator of LIFE, said that the organization wanted to see a 20-week limit on abortions, not the 24-week limit proposed by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

She said: "We are constantly trying to change the law on abortion with the goal of seeing full protection for all unborn children," she said.

"But as a realistic, immediate and almost non-controversial measure, we would support an amendment to the infant Life Preservation Act.

Childbirth consultant to seek reinstatement

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Mrs Wendy Savage, the consultant obstetrician at the London Hospital who has been suspended since April, is to seek a court injunction next week forcing Tower Hamlets Health Authority to reinstate her.

But the issue of Mrs Savage's alleged incompetence now looks likely to go to a full disciplinary inquiry, which will cost the health authority about £100,000 at a time when it is already making cuts of £800,000 to stay within budget.

The authority has received four specialist opinions, all, understood to differ somewhat, over the five cases of childbirth in which it is alleged Mrs Savage was incompetent. It is also investigating "other potentially serious matters" which it has refused to disclose.

Mr Brian Raymond, Mrs Savage's solicitor, said yesterday: "This constitutes a deliberate and almost desperate attempt to dig up more dirt against her, and just illustrates the completely personal nature of the campaign against her".

He understood that the health authority, which yesterday maintained its silence on the issue, had taken an interim decision to proceed with a full inquiry.

"We take the view now that a full inquiry is almost the only way to clear the air about the five cases and anything else the authority wants to raise."

"Our plea is that she should be allowed to work while it takes place, as it could easily go on for two years".

Mrs Savage would be seeking an injunction next week on the basis of breach of contract, forcing the health authority to reinstate her. "We do not fear a full inquiry" Mr Raymond said.

Mrs Savage's suspension has brought protest from most family doctors in Tower Hamlets, and support from national childbirth organizations, who see the case being over high technology, with Mrs Savage an advocate of minimum intervention.

Mr Raymond said that the authority had not taken up an offer by Mrs Savage to abide by district protocols on how childbirth should be handled, and instead had offered an unacceptable package involving her going away for six months.

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South Africa in crisis

Pattern of arrests aimed at grass roots of anti-apartheid coalition

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South African police yesterday announced that names of 130 more people arrested under the emergency regulations in force since midnight on Saturday. The total of arrests now disclosed is 795.

It is estimated that at least 15 people including four shot dead by police on Wednesday evening, have died in continuing unrest in various parts of the country since the emergency was declared.

Emergency regulations are in force in 36 districts, all but one of them in the Eastern Cape or the area around Johannesburg and Vereeniging in the southern Transvaal. These have been the main areas involved in 10 months of unrest which has claimed nearly 500 lives.

The police shooting happened after a funeral for unrest victims in Daveyton, a black township on the East Rand. One victim has been identified as Miss Delisile Mbokani, aged 16.

A woman in the crowd of mourners leaving the funeral, Miss Elizabeth Mjoli, said: "We were marching along Eiselen Street on our way from the cemetery when I heard shots and saw people scatting in all directions.

"I don't know if anybody died on the spot, but I saw injured people being taken into combis (mini-vans) which had earlier carried mourners and being driven to hospital. There were many people on the ground. I cannot say if all of them had been shot," she said.

The police version is that a police anti-riot unit opened fire with rifles and shotguns to disperse a large mob stoning an army patrol. Two men and two women died and 13 men and three women were injured.

The latest batch of named detainees – it is an offence under the emergency provisions to publish names without police authorization – consists of 115 black men, 11 black women, three Coloured men and a Coloured woman.

Ninety-five were arrested in the Eastern Cape, 16 in Port Elizabeth, 43 in Vitanhage, and 35 in the Johannesburg area and on the East Rand.

A pattern emerging from the arrests suggests that two groups are particular targets of the security sweep: the Congress of South African Students (Cosas), which is the voice of militant black schoolchildren; and the civic associations which have sprung up in black townships in opposion to unpopular government-created councils.

Cosas and almost all civic associations are among the multitude of bodies making up the United Democratic Front, the loose coalition of more than 600 anti-apartheid groups to the Government since the ANC was banned 25 years ago.

Banning the UDF would have little effect because of its amorphous structure. It has proved able to operate even though most of its top leaders are neutralized by a pending treason trial. The Government appears to be trying instead to destroy its myriad component bodies.

Civil rights groups are concerned about the conditions in which detainees are being held. South Africa already has the highest per capita prison population in the Western world – at the end of 1984 107,950 prisoners were crammed into jails built for no more than 78,539.

Paper sees France as spearhead

**From Our Own Correspondent
Johannesburg**

The French ambassador to South Africa, M Pierre Boyer, will return home on Sunday, an embassy official said yesterday. The embassy will then be headed by a charge d'affaires.

France's decision to withdraw its Ambassador and to ban new French investment here was front-page news in all South African newspapers yesterday. According to the Johannesburg afternoon paper, *The Star*, Paris "is spearheading a worldwide campaign aimed at the total isolation of South Africa until it abandons apartheid".

France will become the second major Western government to be without an ambassador here. A few weeks ago the United States recalled its Ambassador, Mr Herman Nickel, "for consultations" after the South African commando raid on alleged offices of the underground African National Congress in Botswana.

There has been no clear indication when, or even if, Mr Nickel will return. In the meantime, the United States is said to be delaying formal recognition of Mr Herbert Beukes as South Africa's new Ambassador in Washington by refusing to fix a time for him to present his credentials.

A spokesman for the British Embassy said the French move had come as a surprise

The immediate impact of the French measures is likely to be more psychological than financial. France accounts for somewhere between 5 and 7 per cent of all foreign investment here.

Envoy's recall gains right-wing approval

From Diana Geddes, Paris

While the French government's decision to take action against South Africa has been met by and large with approval here, many point out that it amounts to no more than a symbolic gesture, albeit a fairly potent one and one which goes further than anything any other leading Western power has done.

The public recall of an ambassador is a rare event in France, but the ban on all new French investment in South Africa is unlikely to be felt as more than a flea-bite – only 120 million francs (£10 million) were invested last year. Meanwhile, French trade with South Africa, amounting to several billion francs a year, remains untouched.

Some French industrialists grumbled yesterday that the Government had blocked their opportunities for working with one of the few solvent countries in Africa. Most of them however, conceded that the present explosive political climate did not make new investment a particularly attractive proposition and pointed out that French investment in South Africa had never been strong anyway.

About 150 French companies have investments in South Africa, mainly in finances, oil processing, civil engineering and the motor industry, but they will not be affected by the ban. Existing French investments amount to no more than 14 billion francs.

France has also been responsible for building South Africa's only nuclear plant, at Koeberg, whose second reactor, quite coincidentally, was finally linked up to the country's electricity network only yesterday.

The only other sanctions taken to date by France against the Pretoria Government in protest against apartheid was to impose a ban in April, 1983, on all amateur sporting links.

The French rugby federation has nevertheless made it clear that it plans to ignore the ban and to go ahead with its next rugby tour of South Africa, due to take place in June next year, by which time there may well be a government of a different political complexion in France.

It is not yet clear how a right-wing government would react. M Jean François-Poncet, the former Foreign Minister under President Giscard b'Estaing, said he "could not but approve" the latest measures taken by the Government. Spokesman for the two main opposition parties found little to criticize, save that they had not been consulted and that similar measures had not been taken agaisnt Communist countries where human rights were also flouted.

On the other hand, *Le Quotidien*, one of the two main right-wing national newspapers denounced the measures as simply a political gimmick designed to mobilize a disunited left round a "noble cause" in the run-up to the French general election next sping.

The Communists, for once, applauded the Government's action, though they complained it was too little and too late. Other papers noted that only two months ago the Government was saying it would not be taking economic sanctions against Pretoria because to do so would be against France's "desired goal".

World pressure builds up

**By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent**

By banning new investment and withdrawing its ambassador, France has leapt into the vanguard of nations pressing for tough action against South Africa.

But several have already taken one step or the other and others would seem to be on the brink of doing so.

The United States last month recalled its own ambassador, for consultations and has so far not announced his return, while both the Senate and the House of Representatives have passed Bills urging a variety of measures, including a ban on new investment, a halt to bank loans and a curb on the import of Krugerrands.

Sweden announced an end to all new investment in South Africa as long as six years ago.

The Netherlands, whose Government yesterday welcomed the French initiative, has until now led the movement for stronger European action. But despite ending all cultural and sporting links and demanding visas from all South Africans entering Holland, it has stopped short of unilateral action against commercial and financial connections.

On Monday European foreign ministers condemned Pretoria strongly in calling for an early end to the emergency and implied that sanctions might be imposed if President Botha did not make more progress in scrapping aparthied.

The Ten have also agreed to toughen the EEC Code, which obliges companies trading in South Africa to conform to standard treatment of black workers. Similar action has been taken by the US over its own Sullivan Code.

Canada has imposed 10 measures, including restrictions on financial dealings

Australia has also been prominent in pushing the organization's members towards economic sanctions, a movement likely to dominate the next Commonwealth heads' of governent meeting at Nassau in October.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said only three days ago that Britain remains firmly opposed to sanctions of any kind. This stand is threatening to isolate Britain in Nassau.

Actor Rock Hudson has had Aids for a year

Paris (Reuter – Rock Hudson the American film star has the killer disease Aids and is being treated for it in a Paris hospital, a statement from his press office here said, ending confusion over whether or not he was suffering from the disease.

Madame Yanou Collart, a spokeswoman for Hudson, aged 59, said he had contracted Aids more than a year ago, but that the latest tests he had had in the United States had revealed no trace of the disease.

Asked to clarify, Mme Collart's office issued a statement saying: "Mr Hudson still has Aids, and he has something in the liver as well, although it is not clear what he has.

"Doctors are continuing to analyse his liver. His state of health is that he is continuing to improve."

There is no known case of Aids being cured, according to officials of the Institut Pasteur, which specializes in the fatal disease, which destroys the body's immune system, leaving it vulnerable to infection.

Hudson, who was taken to the American hospital from the Ritz Hotel in Paris on Sunday, has had a series of tests, and was said by Mme Collart to be improving daily. Originally she said he was suffering inoperable liver cancer.

Hospital officials refused to comment further.

Mme Collart said: "He is hoping to go back to the US, but doesn't know when. He's perfectly happy with the treatment he is getting here. He seems in good form."

Hudson, one of the last of the tall, handsome, square-jawed Hollywood heroes, became a screen idol in the 1950s and 1960s. His career ranged from musical comedies to westerns and epics.

He learned his trade through the Hollywood studio system, earning millions of dollars and the praise of co-stars such as Elizabeth Taylor and Doris Day, with whom he made a series of romantic comedies that are now his best-known films.

Hudson was married for three years to his former agent's secretary, Phyllis Gates. They were divorced in 1958

Mme Collart announcing that Rock Hudson is being treated for Aids.

MPs blame cuts for crippling Britain's foreign interests

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

British overseas interests were being damaged by the Government's repeated public spending cuts, the Commons foreign affairs select committee said in a report published yesterday.

In particular, the MPs said cuts affecting the foreign and Commonwealth Office, the BBC and British Council and the continued squeeze on the aid programme, imposed late last year, were probably counter productive.

"It is our opinion that the protection and furtherance of British interests overseas cannot be maintained at the same level on continually reducing effective resources."

In a unanimous report, the MPs repeated a demand made in May after an investigation into famine in Africa, that emergency donations to counter the Ethiopian famine should not reduce the total budget devoted to aid and development in other parts of the world.

"We believe that the aid budget should be compensated at least by the amount spent on emergency relief in the sub-Saharan Africa, which in the year 1984-85 was of the order of £95 million."

The inquiry examined this year's estimated budget of £1,861 million for Britain's overseas programme, which includes overseas aid, Foreign Office costs, and provision for BBC external services and the British Council.

The MPs said that since 1979-80, funds for the overseas programme had been reduced in real terms, as a percentage of public expenditure and gross domestic product, while the need for Foreign and Commonwealth Office services and overseas aid had, if anything, increased.

The reduction in overseas missions, especially smaller posts such as consulates, had produced "extremely small savings".

The closure of 21 subordinate posts between 1979-80 and 1984-85 yielded annual savings in present-day prices of just under £2.25 million. Eight proposed closures this year are expected to yield savings of less than £500,000 a year.

The overall result of such widespread closures was striking and, given the marginal nature of savings made, the MPs added: "The loss of a small number of export orders could well have offset, in national terms, the savings resulting from the post closures since 1979".

Closure of posts caused "severe political embarrassment" and other countries lost no opportunity to profit

The MPs said cuts in Foreign Office staff had substantially increased the pressure on those working in the diplomatic service and they repeated the warning of Sir Antony Acland, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, that "abroad and at home the current job which is placed on the diplomatic service cannot be done with significantly less staff".

Cutbacks in Foreign Office staff working overseas to boost British trade have been criticized by business organizations, and the MPs insisted that commercial work should be among the Foreign Office's highest priorities

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Hong Kong meeting friendly

**By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent**

The Anglo-Chinese Joint Liaison Group on Hong Kong ended its first meeting in London yesterday in an atmosphere described in a joint communique as "friendly and co-operative".

The group, set up under last year's Hong Kong agreement, is concentrating first on how to maintain the territory's international economic links after it becomes a special administrative region of China in 1997.

Membership of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) and the Multi-fibre arrangements were among the issues discussed at the three sessions. The next meeting will be in Peking on November 26-29.

Army split brings crisis to Uganda

**From Charles Harrison
Nairobi**

A tribal split in the Uganda army, exacerbated by a rise in activity by anti-government guerrillas, has created a crisis for President Obote.

Gunfire in Kampala recently resulted from a confrontation, between army groups, and the armed forces commander, Major-General Titó Okello, has moved with some of his supporters to his home area in northern Uganda. He is reported to have refused to return to Kampala.

Kampala is outwardly calm and road blocks operated by troops round the town have been dismantled. But there is still a tense atmosphere.

Cardinal Emmanuel Nsubuga this week published a pastoral letter asking President Obote to postpone the coming elections "until peace and tranquility are restored".

He suggests that President Obote should dissolve his Government and form a caretaker coalition with the Opposition until conditions suitable for an election are restored.

Mr Obote, however, has always refused to consider such a step.

Registration of voters is to start next week. No date has been fixed for the poll, but it is expected before the end of the year.

Anti-government groups have recently stepped up their attacks. This week a Kampala newspaper reported that guerrillas of the National Resistance Army had captured the western Uganda town of Fort Portal, but there is no official confirmation.

The army split is between members of the Acholi tribe, traditionally the military backbone, and soldiers from President Obote's own Lango tribe, the Acholi claiming that the Langi have been promoted to the detriment of longer-serving Acholi. The Acholi also say they have taken most of the casualties in clashes with guerrillas.

The Austrian wine scandal

Doctored alcohol a pollution headache

Vienna (AFP) – The latest headache in the Austrian wine scandal facing experts is how to dispose of the one million gallons that have been contaminated with a potentially lethal antifreeze chemical.

The doctored wine, first discovered by authorities three months ago, cannot be dumped into the country's water supply, the experts say.

The alcohol adulterated with diethylene-glycol, added to boost sweetness and alcohol content, could kill living organisms, including fish, and render waterways biologically dead.

Earlier this week, the Gols water treatment plant in the Burgenland region, where most of the contaminated wine is thought to have originated, suddenly stopped working. Dead eels were found in the canal flowing out of it. Authorities suspect that contaminated wines were poured into the waters.

They believe transforming the doctored wine into petrol or using it for industrial purposes may not be practical nor economically feasible.

Pouring the wine into fields and pastures so that it will simply bio-degrade is a possibility, Austria's Water Institute has said.

Authorities in Burgenland have asked that plans for disposal be submitted by next week.

Authorities in France are also studying ways to dispose of the 80,000 bottles of contaminated Austrian wine seized there. Possibilities include bulldozing them or distilling the wine, French officials in Paris said.

The Austrian Agricultural Minister, Herr Günter Haiden, has announced that a new wine industry law would come into force by autumn.

**Herr Haiden:
Refuses to resign**

In West Germany, the parliamentary health and nutrition commissions will hold emergency sessions today. Four West German wines have been found this week to contain diethlyne-glycol and have been withdrawn from the market.

The scandal in Austria broadened when it was discovered that wine exported to six European countries contained the anti-freeze. Ten countries have banned sales of Austrian wine pending tests, including West Germany, which imports two-thirds of Austria's wine.

In Bonn on Wednesday health officials banned the sale of three spumanti-type Italian wines found to contain disinfectant that had leaked into the bottles when they were being rinsed.

● BONN: Herr Naiden yesterday rejected demands for his resignation. But he acknowledged that the scandal was more widespread than at first thought.

Warsaw tightens screw on campuses

Warsaw (Reuter) – The Communist authorities took powers yesterday to tighten their control of Poland's universities, where dissent and support for the ideals of the banned Solidarity free trade union are still entrenched.

Parliament voted overwhelmingly to make changes in the education laws which ban political activity universities and make it easier for the Government to dismiss lectures.

The new legislation will also allow the authorities to prevent the election of politically unacceptable university heads and revives the need for teachers to take an oath of loyalty to the principles of socialist education.

The changes have caused a furore in the academic community, despite the Government's claims that most teachers favour them and that only 34 per cent are against.

They were criticized by individual academics, the 75-member Main Council for Higher Education, elected by the universities, and Cardinal *Jozef Glemp, the Primate*.

The Education Minister, Mr Benon Miskiewicz, told legislators that the amendments were needed to halt a sharp decline in educational standards.

"If we did not do this or postponed it, we would worsen negative traits which are budding and allow them to burst into bloom."

Parliament rejected a plea from an independent legislator, Mr Edmund Osmanczyk, to delay a vote on the changes until after the general election in October.

"It will be a highly immoral conclusion to the present parliament if it adops a decision causing irretrievable damage to the next Parliament and the country."

He attacked the "free-wheeling legislative activity" of the Sejm, which has enacted almost 200 laws since 1980. Many of them, hastily drafted during the Solidarity crisis and the martial-law period, have needed corrective amendments.

The 1982 education law was considered highly liberal, giving the universities and other institutes of higher education a wide degree of autonomy in regulating their affairs.

The changes will severely restrict student participation in university management and give university heads more scope to act independently of their senates.

They remove the education council's decision-making powers in such areas as university research and development and leave it a merely consultative role. Mr Miskiewicz indicated that the council had become unrepresentative and that it spoke mainly for the Government's opponents.

Communist legislators denied that the measures were repressive, and emphasized the need to "secure order in higher public schools".

Parliament also voted to strengthen the legally-recognized unions created since 1983 to replace Solidarity.

Women await news of relatives missing in the Stava dam disaster. Four more bodies were recovered yesterday.

Arrests and resignations mark dam inquiry

From Peter Nichols, Rome

With fears that the death toll of the Stava valley disaster could exceed 300, the political consequences of the widespread allegations of negligence are beginning to become apparent.

Two members of the Trento provisional administration which carried much of the responsibility for supervising security regulations in the area, have resigned after being told by the public prosecutor that they are under investigation.

Signor Remo Iori and Signor Gianni Bazzanella work for the administration handling forestry and industry.

The number of arrests has risen to three. Signor Giulio Rota and his brother, Signor Aldo Rota, co-proprietors of the company which worked the quarry and the reservoirs, and Signor Matteo Tomasi, a forestry inspector.

Technicians of the brothers' company and other officials of the province are expected to be detained. A technician lost his daughter in the disaster.

The Rota brothers come from Pontenossa, near Bergamasco. Aldo, aged 62, joined the partisans during the Second World War, was caught by the Germans and was sent to Dachau. He escaped and joined the American forces. He and Giulio, aged 58, later emigrated to Germany.

They sold ice-creams from a tricycle near Stuttgart. They set up a café and cake-shop, and later restaurants and a dance hall.

Their company which managed the Stava quarry has two others near Brescia and Bergamo. They were still based in Germany at the time of the disaster and drove to the offices each week.

Jungle holds up rescue of 79 crash victims

Bogota (Reuter)–Fog and thick and thick jungle hindered airborne rescue teams from reaching the burnt wreckage of a Colombian Air Force DC6 which crashed on Wednesdays with 79 people on board near Leticia, on Colombia's border with Brazil and Peru. All were feared dead.

The DC6 was brought in to counter a strike by pilots of Avianca, the state airlines. The pilots had warned about possible safety risks with old aircraft.

Tougher airport security sought

Bonn (Reuter) – Anti-terrorism experts from seven western industrialized countries meeting here agreed to press for stronger aviation security and tougher standards at airports considered easy prey for terrorists, delegation sources said.

There was no agreement on the US call for an outright boycott of Beirut airport and a ban on Lebanon's Middle East Airlines.

Ireland protest to Spain

Dublin – Ireland is to lodge an official complaint with Spain after the latest incident involving a Spanish trawler and the Irish Navy in Irish waters.

The Spanish Ambassador will be called in to the Department of Foreign Affairs here today and asked to convey Ireland's serious concern immediately to Madrid.

This year 40 Spanish trawlers have been arrested for illegal fishing in Irish waters. Last Tuesday an Irish Navy vessel fired 78 rounds at a Spanish trawler before breaking off pursuit after a six hour chase.

Upsurge in Gulf war

Bahrain (Reuter) – Iran and Iraq reported an upsurge in fighting in key sectors of the Gulf war front. Baghdad said Iraqi troops seized Iranian positions on Height 1936, a strategic mountain on the northern front, inflicting heavy casualties.

Tehran said its forces had killed or wounded 250 Iraqi troops in the Sumar region of the central front. Iraq did not refer to the Sumar fighting and Iran made no mention of a battle in the north.

Death plunge

Zurich (Reuter) – A British climber David Collins, aged 23, from Buckinghamshire, fell to his death on the Moench mountain (13,500ft) in the Swiss Alps when he lost his footing as he tried to recover a bottle of sun-tan lotion, police said.

Chief Rabbi dies

Budapest (AP) – Dr Laszlo Salgo, Chief Rabbi of Hungary, has died aged 75. For over 25 years he lectured at Budapest's rabbinical seminary, the only one in East Europe. He was a parliamentary deputy.

UN chief ill

New York (Reuter) – Señor Pérez de Chéllar, the UN Secretary General, is in hospital here for tests after a bout of abdominal pain that doctors suspected might be caused by diverticulitis (inflammation of sections of the bowel), his spokesman said.

Whale rethink

Oslo (Reuter)–Norway, fearing a crippling boycott of fish exports, is likely to bow to international pressure to halt commercial whaling, senior government sources said. A decision was expected within two months.

Dogmeat pleas

Manila (AFP) – About 80,000 postcards from around the world protesting against the eating of dog meat, considered a delicacy in the northern Philippines, have been delivered to the minister responsible here. They urged swift passage of a Bill recommending stiff fines and jail terms for those engaged in the slaughter of dogs and cats.

Chess refusal

Belgrade (AP) – Because of Garry Kasparov's objections, Svetozar Gligoric, the Yugoslav chess grand master who refereed the disputed world championship match between Anatoly Karpov and Kasparov last February, has declined to officiate at the September replay in Moscow. Kasparov claimed Gligoric had "rooted for Karpov".

Pasionara falls

Gijón, (AFP) – Dolores Ibarruri, the celebrated La Pasionara of the Spanish Civil War, broke a collarbone in a fall while on holiday here. She is 89.

Correction

In the article on tourism in France yesterday the number of foreign tourists expected in France this year should have read: Six million Britons, eight million Germans, four million Dutch, three million Swedes, nearly three million Americans, 2.5 million Belgians, two million Italians, and 500,000 Japanese.

Russians hint at Star Wars compromise but threaten nuclear build-up

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The Soviet Union appeared yesterday to hint at a possible compromise in the next round of the Geneva arms talks on the question of Star Wars research.

But the hints were almost lost in a barrage of attacks on military-related space technology, as opposed to "pure science", and impassioned warnings that if the United States persisted with the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) the very basis of nuclear deterrence would be destroyed and Russia would retaliate by building up its nuclear forces to penetrate any space shield the Americans could devise.

Launching a booklet entitled *Star Wars – Delusions and Dangers*, Mr Yuli Kvitsinsky, Russia's chief space weapons negotiator at Geneva, said Moscow's position was "businesslike".

It was not seeking to ban fundamental or "pure" research into laser and other space technology, but it believed that research conducted under contracts to "militaty agencies" must be forbidden. "If a serious approach is made, a solution can be found", Mr Kvitsinsky said.

He said that Star Wars research could be verified by "scientific technical means" available to both sides, a reference to satellite observations.

Moscow has firmly denied roports that it is willing to tolerate research but not testing or development. Yesterday Mr Kvitsinsky and General Nikolai Chervov, of the General Staff both insisted that research inexorabley led to weapons production – an approach which contradicted Mr Kvitsinsky's intriguing reference to allowing "pure" research.

Soviet military officials acknowledge that Russia is conducting research in space but say it is entirely peaceful. Yesterday General Chervov repeated that Russia had no space weapons programme comparable to SDI, and dismissed the American contention that Star Wars was a defensive system as "naive" and "a big hoax".

He referred to earlier hints by Mr Gorbachov that Russia would walk out of the talks if President Reagan persisted with the SDI programme.

Mr Kvitsinsky described Star Wars as an "attractive package for the uninitiated". There was no need for a "walk in the woods" to try to reach an informal compromise of the kind attempted when he was Russia's chief negotiator at the abortive talks on medium-range missiles two years ago. "Our partners have shown no inclination for walks," he remarked.

Star Wars was designed to render America unvulnerable so it could launch a first strike, but Russia had the means to prevent this. SDI was also a violation of the anti-ballistic missile treaty of 1972.

Mr Kvitsinsky criticized Mr Robert MacFarlane, the National Security Adviser, and Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, for saying Russia was being intransigent. He said Mr Weinberger had admitted last September that America was already engaged in small-scale testing of Star Wars

Observers said this appeared to make Mr Kvitsinky's proposal for a verifiable ban on military-related research irrelevant, since the United States had already passed the "early stages" maintained could be monitored.

Both Mr Kvitsinsky and General Chevov said SDI was diverting intellectual and economic resources from more worthwhile projects, but Russia would frustrate any attempt to gain superiority over Moscow and its allies. No details were given of Russia's "reply measures".

The Geneva talks, now in recess, resume in September. The latest onslaught on Star Wars, which clearly heads the list of Kremlin anxieties, is also timed to influence next week's East-West meeting for foreign ministers at Helsinksi.

Colonel-General Chervov answers questions at a Moscow press conference.

Congress bridles at arms for Jordan

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

President Reagan has approved on Administration study which would be the basis of future US arms sales to Jordan, Saudi Arabia and other Middle East countries.

It immediately ran into trouble with some congressional supporters of Israel, who said the Administration's plans to sell advanced weapons to Jordan and Saudi Arabia would provoke enormously divisive debate.

Representative Tom Lantos (Democrat, California) said it "simply boggles the human mind" to expect Israel to engage seriously in "dramatic negotiations" for peace and at the same time cope with a new administration proposal to sell sophisticated arms to its Arab neighbours.

The White House spokesman said: "No specific decisions have been made. We expect those to be made in the fall."

The study, begun early this year, would lead to Administration requests, possibly in September, to Congress for arms sales to Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

The Administration is considering a package for Jordan

Soviet rocket chief moved as military shake-up widens

From Richard Owen, Moscow

A leading military spokesman confirmed yesterday that Marshal Vladimir Tolubko, commander of the Soviet strategic rocket forces, had been replaced by "a talented and able military leader".

But, questioned by *The Times*, Colonel-General Nikolai Chervov, of the Soviet General Staff, refused to name the successor.

He said he had "no information" on the reported appointment of Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, the former Chief of Staff and Deputy Defence Minister, as Commander-in-Chief of Warsaw Pact forces. Sources said Marshal Ogarkov's appointment had yet to be confirmed, and Russia's Warsaw Pact allies were being consulted.

There were also reports that re-organization of the military hierarchy had still to be approved by Mr Gorbachov, who like his predecessors is believed to be chairman of the Supreme Defence Council, though this has not been announced formally. Mr Gorbachov is on holiday.

Marshal Ogarkov had made frequent visits to East Europe – especially East Germany – to prepare for his new command while stationed at Minsk as commander of Western forces in the Soviet Union, sources said.

Marshal Tolubko, aged 71, is regarded as a conservative-minded soldier of the old school, compared to the "modern" generation of strategists represented by Marshal Ogarkov and General Mikhail Zaitsev, until recently commander of Soviet forces in East Germany.

General Chervov confirmed that General Aleskei Yepishev, aged 77, had been replaced as head of the armed forces' Political Directorate – the key link between the Kremlin and the armed forces – by General Aleksei Lizichov, 20 years his junior and a former aide to General Zaitsev in East Germany.

Red Star, the armed forces newspaper, confirmed the Lizichov appointment by reporting that he had met a Syrian delegation as political chief.

As part of the reshuffle, which bears the stamp of Mr Gorbachov, *Red Star* has a new editor, General Ivan Panov, who succeeds General Nikolai Makeyev, editor for 30 years.

Marshal Tolubko and General Yepishev have been made "military inspectors", a nominal role indicating honourable retirement.

The long-term implications of the shake-up remain unclear, as does the standing of Marshal Ogarkov, who has argued for high-technology conventional weapons to replace the Soviet Union's reliance on World War Two-style heavy tanks and rockets.

Reagan popularity shows healthy rise

From Michael Binyon, Washington

As President Reagan yesterday held his first Cabinet meeting since his operation, a poll showed that his popularity has risen significantly in the country, especially among blacks.

A *New York Times* survey showed an approval rating of 65 per cent, almost equal to the highest Mr Reagan reached immediately after the assassination attempt in 1981, when it touched 67 per cent. Of those polled since his latest operation, only 24 disapproved of his handling of his job; with a further 11 per cent having no opinion.

Over a third of all black voters asked also registered approval – a high figure in a community that voted solidly Democrat in the last election. Among Democrats the figure was 47 per cent, also the highest since April, 1981.

The President met his Cabinet yesterday in the Cabinet room instead of in his private wing, a sign of his steady recovery. On Wednesday, dressed in pyjamas and a dressing gown, he received congressional leaders in his White House quarters for his first face-to-face session with them since leaving hospital.

At that meeting he urged Congress to make another attempt to settle differences and agree on a compromise for the 1986 budget. According to the White House spokesman, Mr Reagan told them: "Every village, every town, every municipality, every state has a budget. Yet the greatest economic entity in the world does not have a budget. How can the country go forward with a sound economic plan?"

Mr "Tip" O'Neill, Speaker of the House of Representatives, told Mr Reagan that he looked well. He replied: "I'll feel better when I get a budget."

Mr Reagan is said to be putting pressure on everyone to break the impasse before August 2, when Congress begins its summer recess. A proposal now being floated among Senate Republican leaders is a special $5 (£3.50) a barrel surcharge on oil imports, which would raise some $25 billion over three years.

The Senate is also considering proposals, which it hopes the House Democrats could accept, to grant cost-of-living increases for social security programmes every two years, instead of every year, and to do the same in the adjustment of income tax categories.

It is estimated that over three years this would reduce the deficit by $340 billion nearly $50 billion more than the savings projected in the Budget approved by the Senate.

The special oil levy, which supporters would like to camoflage as "revenue enhancement", is certain to run into furious opposition from the powerful oil lobby. Mr Reagan would also not be happy with what is patently a new indirect tax, and the prospects for its success are still dubious.

Search for Greenpeace case yacht

Noumea, New Caledonia (AFP) – The French Navy issued an all-points bulletin yesterday seeking a French yacht which New Zealand police want to examine in connection with the bombing of the Greenpeace ship, Rainbow Warrior.

The Navy said it had issued the bulletin to French gendarme stations, police posts and army units after being contacted by the company that rented out the sailing vessel, the Ouvea.

The yacht is due in port here on Sunday, but the rental agent said he was concerned because he had received no radio message since last Sunday.

Three New Zealand police investigators are in Noumea waiting for the Ouvea, which has three crew members on board. The New Zealand authorities suspect that the Ouvea, which left Auckland just before the July 10 explosions that destroyed the Rainbow Warrior and killed a crewman, may have transported explosive materials.

Guadeloupe rioters tear-gassed

Pointe-à-Pitre, Guadeloupe (AFP) – Armed police reinforced by two armoured cars used tear gas yesterday against pro-independence rioters throwing stones and firebombs in the second day of clashes in the French Caribbean territory.

The disturbances took place between Pointe-à-Pitre and the international airport, when police tried to clear roadblocks set up by the pro-independence militants, who overturned cars

Two days ago youths burned a police car, four post office vans and a refuse cart. A roadblock they erected across the bridge linking the two wings of the butterfly-shaped island, was removed by gendarmes.

A split seems to have developed between the preo-independence movements – the People's Union for the Liberation of Guadeloupe (Uplg) and the People's Movement for an Independent Guadeloupe (MPGI) – with the UPLG ordering its supporters to withdraw from barricades, while the MPGI militants remained.

Guerrillas halt trains as part of Tamil protest

From Our Correspondent, Colombo

Armed Tamil separatists guerrillas stopped the Columbo-bound morning train leaving Jaffna, the northern city in Sri Lanka yesterday.

It was part of the campaign to see that all work stops for three days in the Northern and Eastern provinces.

For the second day, shops, schools and offices were closed after a call for mourning for Tamils killed in the ethnic riots two years ago.

The engine driver and guard were seized at Jaffna railway station. After an hour, guerrillas told the station master to mind the two until Saturday morning, when they would return the train key. Passengers were allowd to leave.

Police and security forces kept away to prevent incidents. All trains to and from Jaffna have been cancelled.

The stop-work call was also observed in other parts of the Northern and Eastern provinces, which the Tamils are claiming as part of a seperate state.

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Sikh party factions split as Punjab deal wins acclaim throughout India

From Richard Ford, Delhi

Noisy scenes erupted in the Sikhs' holiest shrine, the Golden Temple of Amritsmar, as rival factions of the Akali Dal Part demonstrated for and against the agreement to end the Punjab crisis.

Supporters of Sant Harchard Singh Longowal, president of the Akali Dal, hailed the settlement reached with the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, but members of the All-India Sikh Students' Federation described the Sikh leader as a traitor.

The agreement has met almost universal approval from the rest of the country, with opposition MPs congratulating Mr Gandhi and Sant Longowal for having reached a deal which it is hoped will end three years of violence and terror in Punjab and elsewhere in the country.

Mr Arjun Singh, Governor of the Punjab, said that the state's agony was over and that both the Prime Minister and Sant Longowal had shown statesmanship and compassion. The newspapers have been full of praise for the settlement, with *The Statesman* describing it as an historic accord.

It says that a ruinous confrontation between the Sikhs and Hindus has ben brought to an end, and adds: "This is truly a tremendous achievement for a young and relatively inexperienced Prime Minister who has nevertheless demonstrated a matural ability to be firm when firmness is called for and to respond to overtures with constructive flexibility."

The Hindustani Times sees the settlement as ushering in an era in which India's unity and integrity is secure. It says effusively that Mr Gandhi has matured into a leader who will take India to unprecedented heights of stability, unity and prosperity".

An all-party Opposition committee in Haranya, however, has demanded that the state's Chief Minister resign for having agreed to the handover to Punjab of Chandigarh, joint capital of Haryana and Punjab. The committee said Bhajan Lal had agreed to a sellout and had failed to protect the interests of the state.

Gandhi tells Third World trade unity is strength

Mr Gandhi gave a warning yesterday of a disturbing trend away from multilateral trading and of the disadvantages caused to the developing world (Richard Ford writes from Delhi).

He accused the developing world of propping up sectors in their own economies where the advantage had moved to the Third World, saying that agriculture and tropical products were restricted severely, harming the nations of the south.

Industrial countries had become more rigid in their response to the problems of the developing world and there was a disturbing retreat from the commitment to multilateralism which had characterized the last two decades, he said.

Mr Gandhi told 64 ministers and officials at a Delhi conference on the global system of trade preferences that the world economic crisis was structural rather than cyclical. The recent recovery had not been broad-based, and its benefits had not been widely felt in the Third World.

Patchwork solutions would not end the imbalances in the international economy and there was not yet any long-term solution to the Third World problem of debt which did not undermine their development.

Israel looks again at exile for dissidents

From David Bernstein Jerusalem

Israel will next week consider resurrecting its policy of selective deportation, which has been in abeyance since 1979, to counter an increase in terror attacks.

The Police Minister, Mr Haim Bar-Le, told the Knesset on Wednesday evening, during a debate on internal security, that the number of fire-bomb and explosives attacks this year had already surpassed the number for the whole of 1984.

The possibility of restoring the emergency regulations governing the selective deportation of residents of occupied territory found guilty of aiding and abetting terrorism will be brought before the Cabinet on Monday, the Defence Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, said in an Israel Radio interview.

While deportation must be used sparingly, he said, hostile elements in the occupied territory must be made to know that it is an option open to Israel.

Deportations were carried out from time to time by successive Labour government's, including that headed by Mr Rabin in the mid-1970's. But the Likud Government of Mr Menachem Begin outlawed the practice after the 1979 peace treaty with Egypt, when emergency regulations covering deportations and administrative arrest were abrogated.

The Spanish and Portuguese Prime Ministers, Señor Felipe González (left) and Dr Mario Soares, meeting on board the Spanish royal motor yacht Azor in Lisbon yesterday.

Youth takes over in cities of China

From Mary Lee, Peking

The Mayor-to-be of Shanghai, Mr Jiang Zemin, made his first public appearance in the city earlier this week at a rubbish clearance ceremony. Mr Jiang, the former Minister of Electronics Industry, must have felt a little put out, not over the rubbish but by the fact that the man he had been sent down from Peking two months ago to replace – Mr Wang Daohan – was still hanging on to the office.

But now Mr Wang has finally resigned – on the first day of the Municipal People's Congress (local parliament) on July 24. Mr Jiang will be "elected" to replace him over the next few days.

The decision to replace Mr Wang with Mr Jiang was taken in Peking some months ago by the standing committee of the ruling Communist Party, at the same time as the decision to send in the Minister of Urban and Rural Construction, Mr Rui Xingwen, to become the municipality's party secretrary.

This is the way the party has been "rejuvenating" provisional leadership ranks throughout the country since late May. Another 12 municipalities and provinces have yet to hold congresses at which younger and better-educated officials will be "elected" to the positions of secretaries, mayors and governors. They will have to do so soon.

The urgency stems from the special party conference (equivalent to an extraordinary general meeting) to be held in September.

It will be only the second time that the Chinese Communist Party has held such a conference since coming to power in 1949.

While the actual date of the September Conference has yet to be announced, its purpose has been disclosed. A top-party leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, reiterated last week that its central task was to appoint young leaders to the Central Committee, Politburo and party secretariat.

The new and younger provincial leaders – all supporters of the Deng-Hu (Yaobang) line of reform – will constitute 300 to 350 of the 1,000 delegates at the conference, a significant block vote.

Some 50 new faces are expected to appear in the new Central Committee which has 210 members and another 136 alternate members.

Once the selection has been made, the delegates will discuss the next five-year plan (1986-90).

Integral to this plan is how the party will proceed with economic reforms which Mr Deng recently described as "experiments". The present leadership's determination to make these experiments successful is beyond question.

China is now suffering a severe drain on its foreign exchange reserves, caused by profligate spending in the cause of "modernization" as well as from "unhealthy tendencies". These problems will have to be thrashed out in September.

UK falls behind in aid donor league

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain dropped two places last year in the unofficial league of the West's most generous aid donors, when assessed as a proportion of gross national product.

A table in the annual report of the Overseas Development Administration shows that, by spending 0.33 percent of its GNP on direct aid, it came twelfth in a list headed by The Netherlands.

Only Australia, Italy, New Zealand, Switzerland and the US were below Britain in the table.

In terms of actual sums donated, Britain, its aid budget squeezed by cuts in public spending, gave £1,061 million – well below other leading industrial powers like the US, Japan, France, West Germany and Canada.

Ironically, the report was published 24 hours before the Commons foreign affairs committee said constant cuts in the country's overseas budgets may have damaged British interests.

India, with £147 million, was the main recipient of bilateral aid last year, followed by Kenya (£38 million) and Bangladesh (£36 million).

On the other hand, a growing number of poor countries now received aid in the form of grants as opposed to loans, after a recent adjustment of International Development Association criteria.

Speaking in London this week, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the foreign Secretary, pointed out that the Government had underwritten £262 million worth of loan aid to 13 African countries in recent years.

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Canada	0.41	0.45	0.50	1,216
Denmark	0.76	0.73	0.84	336
Finland	0.30	0.32	0.36	133
France	0.75	0.74	0.77	2,836
Germany	0.48	0.48	0.45	2,082
Italy	0 24	0.24	0.32	827
Japan	0.28	0.32	0.35	3,232
Netherlands	1.08	0.91	1.02	949
New Zealand	0.28	0.28	0.27	44
Norway	0.99	1.06	0.99	394
Sweden	1.02	0.84	0.80	580
Switzerland	0.25	0.31	0.30	214
UK	0.37	0.35	0.33	1,061
USA	0.27	0.24	0.24	6,509
Total	0.38	0.36	0.36	21,431

Reward for clue to how envoy died

From Jan Raath Harare

Zimbabwean police are offering a reward for information leading them to the killers of the Spanish Ambassador to Zimbabwe, Señor José Luis Blanco-Briones. He was found nearly naked and bludgeoned to death on Monday outside Harare.

The police said only that the reward was for a "substantial" amount of cash. The ambassador's body was flown back to Spain on Wednesday morning on a Spanish military aircraft. His widow, Veronique, accompanied the body.

Meanwhile, the House of Assembly has ratified the State of Emergency.

It was renewed for six months in May by the previous Parliament but was reintroduced this week to the new Parliament to offset any chance of a legal challenge. Dr Eddison Zvobgo, the Minister of Justice, said.

Seoul jails artists for 'agitation'

Seoul (Reuter) – Five South Korean artists were yesterday jailed for seven days because their works were "agitative" against the Government, court officials said.

A Seoul summary court ordered the confiscation of 19 paintings and graphics by the young artists after finding them guilty of distorting facts and spreading false rumours. The defendants, pleaded not guilty.

The five were among 19 artists detained at a Seoul gallery on Saturday. The others were later released.

The works mainly depicted the lives of low-wage factory workers and have titles such as "Arrested Workers", "Our Father Lives in the Factory All Day Long", and "Strike at Daewoo Apparel Company".

About 100 workers from Daewoo Apparel staged a week-long sit-in last month demanding the abolition of labour laws which virtually ban strikes.

Turkey rejects Amnesty report on torture

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

Turkey yesterday rejected a recent report by Amnesty International which denounced continuing "widespread use of torture".

Ankara said the report aimed at harming the smooth progress towards the normalization of ties with West Europe.

Replying to queries concerning the report, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said that although its contents were then unknown, "a press release, dated July 23, left no doubt as to its nature".

He said that Turkish law prohibited the torture or maltreatment of prisoners "and the fact that 105 security officials have been sentenced in connection with sporadic cases of torture was a clear proof of the Turkish Government's determination to combat abuses".

He referred to a recent statement by Mr Vahit Halefoglu, the Foreign Minister, to the effect that "certain quarters", alarmed over the steady improvement in relations with West European countries and a consequent decline in the effectiveness of their systematic activities against Turkey, had stepped up their campaigns.

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THE ARTS

Cinema

Sole heir to a great tradition

The Purple Rose of Cairo (PG)
Gate Bloomsbury; Screen-on-the-Green; Classics Haymarket, Oxford Street

Trial Run (15)
Classic Oxford Street

Sylvia (PG)
Curzon West End

Once a staple genre, the production of film comedy has dwindled away, killed off presumably by the automatic laugh-machines that are television situation comedy. Today, Woody Allen stands alone as heir to the tradition of the great screen comedians, in line of descent from Deed, Linder, Bunny, Chaplin, Arbuckle, Keaton, Lloyd, Fields, Laurel and Hardy, Will Hay, the Marx Brothers, Toto, Tati. A Mel Brooks or a Gene Wilder may be prodigal in invention; but Allen has art. He can take an idea of genial simplicity, and develop it with elegant variation and absolute narrative integrity. It makes little difference whether he himself appears in his comic creations – largely because, like Chaplin, he is able to use actors as extensions of himself. Watching Mia Farrow, his current favourite actress, we are aware in her of the gestures and intonations of Allen himself.

The Purple Rose of Cairo reworks an idea that Allen first used in a short story, *The Kugelmass Episode*. In this, the literary student hero wishes himself into the pages of *Madame Bovary*. His resulting entanglements with Emma are nothing to the confusion of New York readers when they encounter in the novel this Kugelmass whom they had never noticed in Flaubert before.

The cinema is a still more rewarding medium to explore this comic thesis about the impingement of fiction and reality. Allen sets his story in the Depression era, when movies exerted their greatest influence upon the imaginations of the world, providing sweet dreams for the frustrated millions. Mia Farrow plays Cecilia, a sad, battered New Jersey housewife with a boorish, philandering, out-of-work husband (Danny Aiello, the nostalgia singer from *Broadway Danny Rose*). To make matters worse, flustered butter-fingers that she is, she loses her bread-winning job as a waitress.

Passing the idle days in the Jewel movie theatre, watching the programme round again and again, she suddenly becomes aware that Tom Baxter, the handsome, vapid juvenile lead of "The Purple Rose of Cairo", is throwing her come-on glances from the screen. In the middle of the film, he steps down into the audience to join her.

While Cecilia and Tom pursue a chaste love-affair (he believes that the natural culmination of a kiss is a fade-out), the rest of the characters in the film wait helplessly, sourly bitching the while. The front-office movie moguls come down to investigate: Tom Baxters have started to stray out of prints of the film all over the States. Cecilia's life is further complicated when the real-life actor who plays Tom appears, and the two men – flesh-and-blood and shadow – fight over her. The characters in "The Purple Rose" get crosser and crosser, and are not consoled when Tom brings Cecilia back to join them in the picture, and the table bookings at the Copacabana are all put out.

To comic genius Allen adds technical perfectionism. Performances are unflawed: every character is totally, clownishly absorbed in his own affairs. The black and white photography glitters; the period is faultlessly set; the images of an Allen film are as determinedly cleared of inessentials as a Bresson picture.

New Zealand provides two out of the week's three new films. **Trial Run** is a low-budget thriller that reveals a promising talent in its débutante writer-director, Melanie Read. The heroine – attractively and spiritedly played by Annie Whittle – is a photographer and the mother of a family, who goes off alone to a solitary bit of coast with a commission to record yellow-eyed penguins. Once she is settled in, nasty things start to happen – arson, bumps in the night, bricks through the window, and a lot of other signs of malevolence that would scare off a less spirited woman. The neighbours are weird and suspects are legion; but the ending still manages a surprise twist.

The originality and strength of the film is that the familiar horror material of a lonely woman cut off and besieged by an unseen enemy is treated in terms of matter-of-fact realism. Despite some uneasy scenes in an editorial office, we can actually believe that this sane, liberated woman is doing a real job; and are convinced by the strengths and strains of the family relationship on which a lot of the plot depends. Given this realistic context, Ms Read allows herself to develop her story at some leisure (perhaps at times a little too much) and to achieve her horror effects without the narrative extravagance of the *Hallowe'en* genre. There is a wholly satisfactory range of supporting performances, and the setting is bleakly exotic and suitably atmospheric.

Sylvia is an episode adapted from the autobiographical writings of the formidable Sylvia Ashton Warner, who died last year at the age of 76, just as shooting began on the film, in which she had taken great interest. It relates her triumphs and misfortunes in the rural school where she taught alongside her husband in the 1950s. The pupils, mostly Maori, prove totally resistant to teaching along formal lines; but Sylvia Warner discovers that she can coax them into literacy through her enthusiasm, and her skills as a pianist and painter. Her methods meet only opposition from the educational establishment in Wellington, committed to colonialist and discriminatory principles of education.

The subject is a good one: the pedagogical conflict has proved a perennial source of drama, from *Pygmalion* and *The Corn is Green* to *The Blackboard Jungle*, *The Miracle Worker* and *L'Enfant sauvage*. The execution of the film falls short though, particularly in the matter of the script, by the writer-director Michael Firth. Eleanor David's Sylvia is restrained and respectful, and not a patch on the vivid eccentricity of the original.

David Robinson

Trapped behind the screen, Milo O'Shea (left), Deborah Rush, John Wood and Edward Herrmann peer at the audience in *The Purple Rose of Cairo*

Television

Moral questions

"I have heard so much about you", said the interrogator in Harold Pinter's play about torture, **One for the Road** (BBC2). The speaker was a linguistic fascist at least, using such hackeyed pseudo-genteel pleasantries to expound his moral philosophy, interspersed with the swear-words considered particuarly offensive by men of the same class.

The play was virtually a 40-minute monologue for the inquisitor, who was played with bull-necked self-importance by Alan Bates. He spoke in an almost empty room with the purpose of undermining the resistance of a prisoner whose offence against the state was never defined.

Later the prisoner's wife and son were also questioned but more directly: with them the interrogator briskly set out to knock away the belief stabilizing their personal morality, asking the boy to justify love for his parents and the woman to conform to the public expectations of her dead father.

The inquisitive approach with the prisioner however was more elaborate, allowing us to acquire a picture of the mental apparatus of oppression. The interrogator believed that God was on his side, but nonetheless espoused a religion of death and corrupt moral values stemming from his unquestionable correctness. From this philosophy proceeds a hierarchy which, said the interrogator, held that death was acknowledged as pure, beautiful and harmonious "by the most respected of authorites".

No such subtleties were to be found in **From the Face of the Earth** (Channel 4), a series about preventative medicine's advances against the world's endemic diseases. Last night's programme told the story of three trials of strength against the disease schistosomiasis (formerly called bilharzia). Three different approaches were tried in each of three isolated valleys in the mountainous Caribbean island of St Lucia. The camera meandered through banana plantations and jungle escarpments, and the thread of the story was occasionally swamped by the beauty of the scenery. More generous use of maps and graphics would have projected the facts more crisply.

The experiment itself began over 20 years ago and much of the footage regrettably had the earnest air of an educational film of the early Sixties.

The scientists running the project enjoyed their own measure of drama as they talked laconically of "schisto" and the "war on the worm" in an effort to raise enough enthusiasm among a group of villagers to get a massive water cistern built by hand in the tropical heat.

Celia Brayfield

Promenade Concert

Bournemouth SO/Barshai
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Another Prom; another regional orchestra showing its mettle. But which region? The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra does currently still abide on the south coast, but well-informed wags in the Prom arena were surely not off-target with their jocular references to "Bristol cream".

A little light wit was welcome before a programme opening with Mozart's sepulchral flirtation with double-bassoon and trio of basset-horns, his Masonic Funeral Music, and closing with Shostakovich's further thoughts on the progress of the Second World War, the Eighth Symphony. The latter is notoriously difficult to perform convincingly, its shifting edginess offering a more complex, ultimately more pessimistic, view of strife and siege than in the earlier "Leningrad" Symphony. But the orchestra's Russian-born principal conductor, Rudolf Barshai, produced a bold, uncompromising view that convinced utterly.

He encouraged his players to produce thick-textured, angry sounds that seemed entirely apt for this score. Even some occasional woodwind untunefulness in the first movement's screaming climaxes (forgivable, perhaps, when Shostakovich sends his E flat clarinet squealing into the stratosphere) seemed only to increase the jarring intensity.

Though it was the symphony's colossal fortissimos, replete with their artillery-like drum rolls, that naturally made the most emotional impact, Barshai's handling of the work's other, complementary theme, that of war-weariness, seemed equally sure. The listlessly meandering violin melodies were played with just the right deadpan, muted quality.

In the last two movement, too, where the composer retreats as if disenchanted with public human endeavour into the private musical abstractions of passacaglia and variation form, there was much well-calculated solo playing to maintain the chilling atmosphere.

A little more intensity would have been welcome in Yefim Bronfman's technically secure but rather monochrome playing in Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto. Bronfman preferred to stifle invitations for darker musings (the sudden trills and chromaticism closing the second movement) or impish humour (the quirky "wrong note" appoggiaturas in the first) beneath a genial but uninvolved sort of generality. That he was capable of more poetic touches was evident from his imaginative handling of the *dolce* approach to the first movement's recapitulation.

Richard Morrison

Rock

Robert Cray Band
Electric Ballroom

Taking the blues as a starting-point, Robert Cray formed his first band in Washington 11 years ago with the bassist Richard Cousins. Their interpretation of the well-worn formula differed from contemporaries in that Cray, as well as being a guitarist of extraordinary facility, is gifted with a voice equal in range and quality to the very finest soul-singers. Thus the songs took a different, more soulful turn from the standard 12-bar sequences, while retaining the essence of the hallowed blues form.

In the sweltering heat of the Electric Ballroom, the band turned in a performance of devasting expertise. Cray, looking like a young Cassius Clay, played with wrists and fingers which seemed to behave like rubber, springing across the fretboard and stretching easily into the most convoluted chord inversions.

Yet, despite the complexities of his playing, he never once sounded busy, muddled or indulgent. He used no pedals or effects, and the unassisted brittle sound of Fender guitar through Fender amplifier plainly revealed the talent of a great and original guitarist. Richard Cousins, with his look of permanent camp surprise, loped gracefully about the stage spearheading the taut, svelte sound of the bass/organ/drums trio behind Cray.

While the older songs such as the haunting "Bad Influence" and "Phone Booth" were a delight to hear, it was the new material, destined for a forthcoming album, that impressed most and which gave free rein to Cray's superlative vocal abilities. "Paying For It Now", a typically moody song with a funk undercurrent, and "The Last Time That I Get Burned Like This", a slow soul/blues ballad with many interesting twists and turns, recalled the singing of no less an artist than Otis Redding.

With material like this in the pipeline, it may be that Cray's current cult status is converted into broader recognition.

David Sinclair

Theatre

A joy to behold

Peking Opera
Royal Court

Critics seldom clap, preferring to type their appreciation, yet four critics in my vicinity applauded during this marvellous show. I made a fifth. Not a word was spoken that I understood – though a moan of rueful despair sounded close to "Oy yoy yoy" – but the mastery of physical movement, the comedy and ingenious tricks adorning this uplifting tale, are achievements that are universally recognizable and, truly, a joy to behold.

The Peking Opera, happily recovering from the upheavals of the Cultural Revolution, has an enormous repertoire and some of its classic texts have occasionally been seen in the West. *The Three Beatings of Tao Sanchun* is the first modern drama to be exported, and appears here as part of the London International Festival of Theatre. But, although written in 1962, the author, Wu Zuguang, sets his story in the remote Sung Dynasty. I dare say any dynasty would do so as long as it gives the company's team of actors and solitary actress the feathered and tasselled costumes they manipulate to make character points.

The programme gives no information about the author except that he is a fierce defender of women's rights. It is suggested that the underlying theme is the pressure put upon women to marry, but what we see looks like the absolute reverse.

A blustering oil-seller has just been made King of the North but, while still a soldier, stole a melon from the garden of Tao Sanchun, swearing to marry her after the war. She shows herself such a spirited character – it is she who delivers the beatings – he is terrified at the prospect. But if she is a shrew she remains untamed at the end and her husband must learn that marriage to a woman of parts is not such a bad thing.

All this is told through speech, song and agile dance, with fights erupting into astounding feats of tumbling and juggling, including a demonstration of how to show an arrow caught in mid-flight. Characters are recognized as clowns or blusterers by their beards (attached by chin-straps) and vivid make-up so that the extravagent eyebrows of the oil-seller/king give him the appearance of a desperate lion-dog.

Many of the gestures are everyday. The amused little smiles of the actress Wang Yuzheng show a perfect sense of the heroine's knowledge of her own qualities and resolution not to conceal them. The evening is an occasion to cherish.

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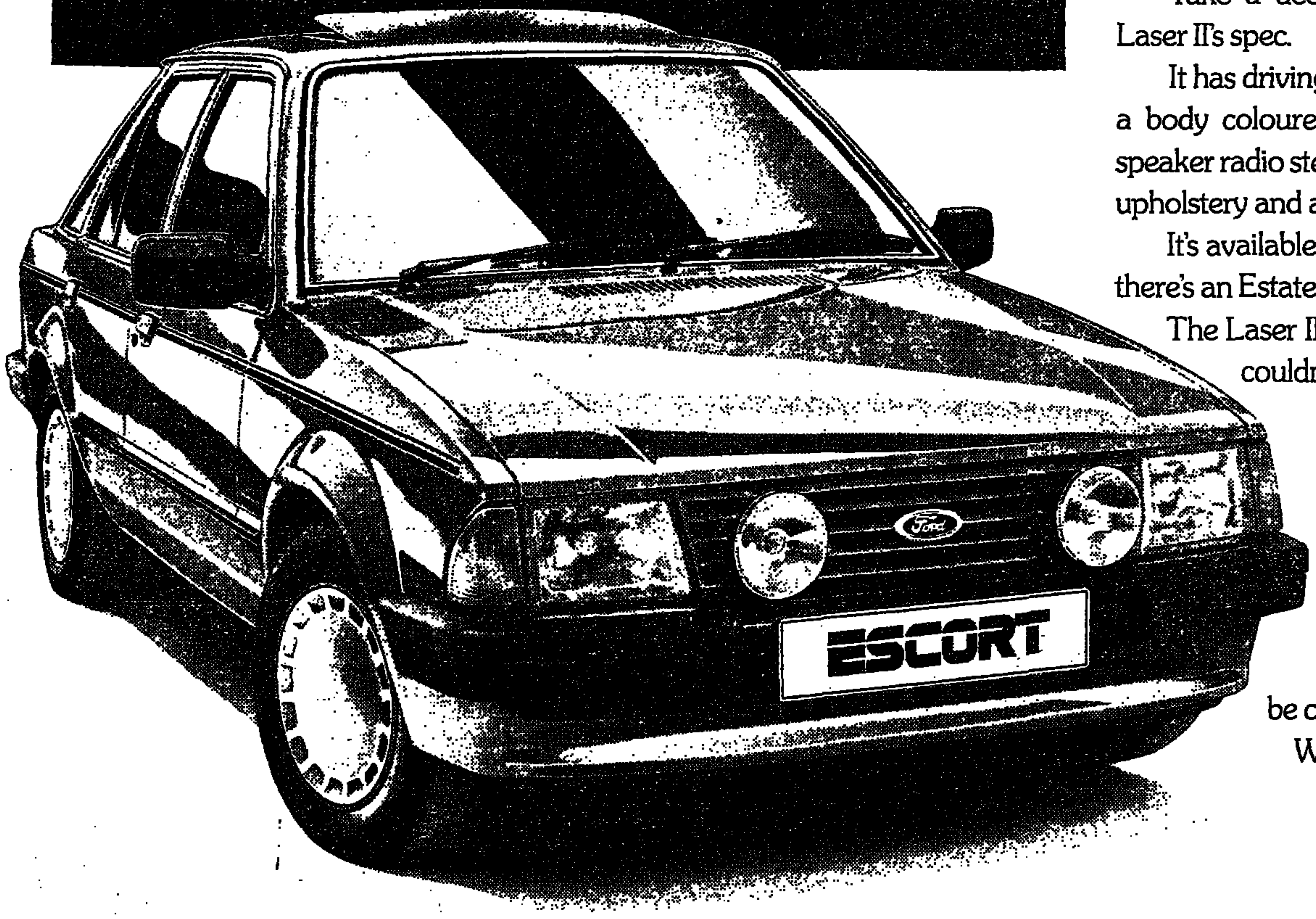

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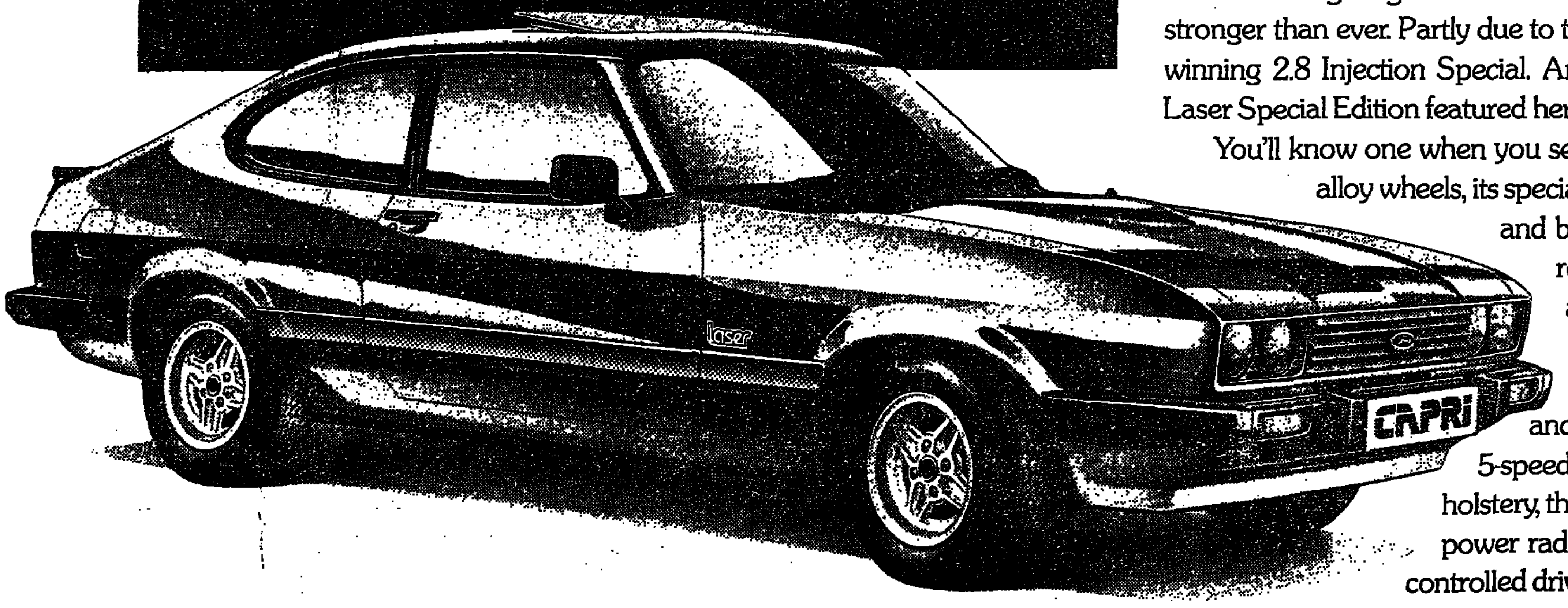

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Riding the lifeline lorry

As starving refugees in Sudan await a vital grain delivery, Paul Vallely reports on the physical and bureaucratic obstacles hindering the relief operation

Grain of hope: a trickle of food falls into a child's begging bowl

For weeks the requests had been trickling into the old British garrison post of El Geneina, the furthermost town in the west of Sudan and one of the centres of the famine which is spreading like a cancer throughout the vast reaches of Africa's largest country.

These particular requests came from the chief of police at Beida, through the cursive handwriting of the little border town's old scribe. At first they were for food. Then last week came a plea for shrouds.

"We have nothing in which to bury our dead and 15 children died yesterday," said the letter addressed to Peter Verney, the Save the Children Fund (SCF) representative in Geneina.

Verney, a gentle young Englishman whose long blond hair and delicate hand movements would speak of languor in a less frenetic time, was clearly rattled. He had been trying for weeks to get a lorry to Beida, down to the south along the border with Chad. The problems which bedevilled him were the same as those which, magnified many thousandfold, afflict the entire international relief effort in a nation where more than 11 million people are now said to risk starvation.

Food was coming in very slowly from Nyala, the town at the western end of Sudan's creaking railway system. Fuel was in shorter supply. Verney was down to his last two barrels of diesel. There had been no flights in from Khartoum bringing cash from SCF headquarters; he had almost no money. The head of the Geneina local government system, Commissioner Sherife, who had three years earlier been removed from his post in the office of Sudan's Commissioner of Refugees after United Nations' officials compiled a dossier on alleged corruption and embezzlement of food stock, was not cooperating in the release of the SCF emergency grain.

> **‘First demands were for food, then came a plea for shrouds’**

Verney had just returned from negotiations with Ahmed Taishi, the head of the haulage firm with which SCF has a contract for local delivery. Asked to go to Beida, the contractor had unilaterally doubled the price. When Verney, given the dire circumstances had eventually agreed, Taishi trebled it. Verney, who has lived in Sudan for eight years and developed a nice line in Arabic invective, told the man that his religion was only on his lips not in his heart, that his god was his paunchy belly and that the deaths of the children of Beida would be on his head.

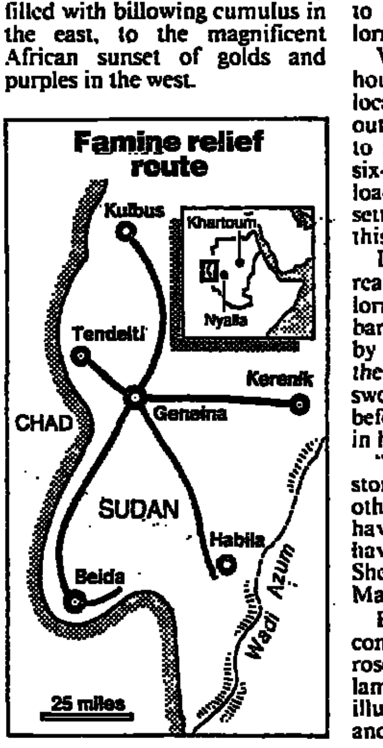
In desperation he turned to the Sudanese army which has hundreds of military trucks but which has so far not volunteered to put them at the disposal of the relief effort.

It was late when Verney approached the home of Brigadier Ibrahim Muhammad but the aid worker was beyond the bounds of good etiquette now. The brigadier, an urbane and studied man of the Zagawe warrior tribe, came out in his evening gown, a spotless white jellaba, to greet his visitor. After the lengthy exchange of formalities the officer listened attentively to Verney's outline of the problems in Beida.

"This is the situation everywhere", the soldier said. "No food is reaching the extremities. It reaches the hands but not the fingers. Of course you can have one of my trucks."

The lorry left Geneina the next day, though seven hours behind schedule after prolonged wranglings with Commissioner Sherife, who at first refused to release any grain and who then demanded that the lorry should carry seed for planting. The great web of Sudanese mercantilism is currently sticky with rather dubious intrigues which juggle consignments of free American sorghum seed with cash grants from the EEC to buy local seed. Verney threatened to fill the lorry with lentils, the only food he had left in his own store. In the end the army vehicle left carrying 20 sacks of millet seed, 30 sacks of sorghum seed and 100 smaller bags of sorghum food. There were also three rolls of shroud material purchased in the local souk.

For the first three hours the trip was uneventful. In normal times it takes between four and six hours to reach Beida and the lorry seemed to be making good time as the powerful six-wheel drive gouged through the soft mud and the waist deep water. The desert was covered with a gauze of green where little clover-like grasses had sprung up and the flat landscape offered a complete panorama from the vivid aquamarine sky filled with billowing cumulus in the east, to the magnificent African sunset of golds and purples in the west.



The storm came up quite suddenly. On the northern skyline a dense ink-black storm cloud took shape and with intimidating speed overtook the southbound lorry like some great stalking beast, bearing malevolent snarls of sheet lightning as it closed in. The downpour was torrential. Within minutes everything in the lorry was soaked through. Progress slowed to a crawl as the fine sand all around turned to a glutinous paste. Then the lorry stopped.

We were stuck there for nine hours until dawn broke and 60 local peasants arrived to dig us out. It took a further four hours to free and then push start the six-ton lorry with its eight-ton load. Within 10 minutes of setting out we were fast again, this time in a slow flowing wadi.

It was two days before we reached Beida, late at night. The lorry was parked in the army barracks and we were welcomed by Muhammad Ahmed Bashir, the local chief of police. Over sweet tea on the rafia mat before his office he was effusive in his thanks for the food.

"I will put it straight into the store, with the other food." The other food? "Yes, we already have 140 bags in store but we have had no authority from Sherife or his nephew Ali Mansour to distribute it."

Brushing aside expressions of concern, the portly policeman rose, picked up the hurricane lamp which was all that illuminated his conversation and said: "We will speak of that tomorrow. Come and see the refugees."

> **‘Progress slowed to a crawl as fine sand turned to paste. We were stuck for nine hours until dawn’**

It was a grotesque outing to wander through huddles of painfully thin people in their fitful sleep on the unsheltered ground, accompanied by a dozen of the town's worthies with their lanterns and their intrusive torch beams.

The next morning, with the cover of darkness stripped away, the unmitigated squalor of the refugees' life was revealed. In the market place children with no clothes rose from where they had slept on the sand.

Later in the morning Ali Mansour, the executive officer of the rural council based in far-off Habila, happened to visit.

"Of course we must distribute the grain now", he said. "You will take my photograph. This will be good for me."

First the seed grain had to be unloaded into stores. Several hundred starving people surrounded the lorry to catch the odd grains which might trickle from the sacks as they were moved. Women crowded round the side of the vehicle holding their chipped enamel bowls in the cracks in the side of the truck. Dozens of children crawled beneath it, scrambling for individual seeds.

By the time that the food distribution began – the first here for four months – a crowd of about two thousand had gathered at the police station. At the first attempt workmen tipped 20 bags of grain into a large pile and the refugees, badly regulated in the way they were admitted to collect their single bowlful, soon were scrambling madly in a great swirl of bodies which ended in chaos.

Ali Mansour organized a second attempt. With the two thousand sitting in a great semicircle around the gate to the station, the first few moved forward to be served; the rest, fearing that they would be omitted as before, surged forward as well. Then the whips came out, with the platoon of soldiers striking out all around them in a vain attempt to control the frenzied crowd. One young soldier careered around the arc of people like a demented matador lashing out at everybody within his reach.

"See these people are undisciplined. It is imposible to feed them", said Ali Mansour triumphantly, ordering that no more bags should be opened. Then the food was locked away with the rest of the undistributed stocks.

On the hill, by the spreading cemetery where five new graves were being dug, refugee women were digging for berit, a coarse white grass root with little nutritional value but which is, at any rate, not poisonous like the leaves of the euphorbia bush to which some had turned in their desperation.

A little six-year-old boy called Imalis wandered past them, his face blank. He was naked, save for the loincloth below his grossly distended belly. In his hand he held his only possession, an empty begging bowl.

Five weeks ago his father died here. Yesterday his mother died too. He stood and watched the grave diggers and then, alone, walked slowly back to the market place.

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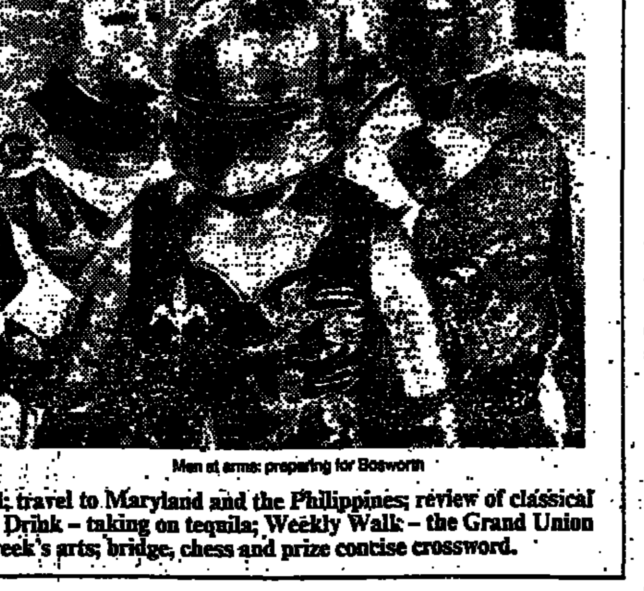
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TALKBACK

From Sarah Wilkinson, Queenswood Road, Bridgwater, Somerset.

Liz Hodgkinson's article ("The father and daughter who dare to be different", July 17) is a very biased view which categorizes young people. She puts teenage girls into two groups – those who are "normal" (i.e. listen to pop music, dye their hair and moon over boyfriends) and those who want to do something with their lives.

I don't see any dividing line between these two. I am 15, dye my hair, have a boyfriend (whom I don't "moon" over) and love all kinds of music. I also have nine O levels and set my aims for three A levels and a university degree.

***Ruth Lawrence* is a special case: she is a mathematical genius and I admire her for that. Like Mozart, she is so good at her subject that she has no wish to do much else – maths is her life as music was his. That doesn't mean that everything anyone else wants to do is a waste of time.**

However, I agree with Liz Hodgkinson's view that full potential isn't achieved with many children. It does seem due to lack of encouragement from parents, especially towards school work. I have seen intelligent, academically-skilled children in the fourth and fifth years of secondary school turned from college and start work at 16.

I salute Ruth Lawrence and her father for their independance and courage but I think that more accent should be put on developing the academic and *social* lives of teenagers equally, so that if the former is nonexistent they will have learned enough to make something of their lives.

From Rosemarie Baines, The Footpath, Coton, Cambridgeshire.

Does Liz Hodgkinson really think that Ruth Lawrence and her father deserve praise for daring to be different? What would happen if mothers and fathers all over the country split family life and divided themselves between their children – father living with daughter, daughter going nowhere unaccompanied by father and never mixing with girls or boys her own age.

Encouraged by parents yes, but bred to be a genius no! Maths and perhaps a little music from time to time, day in day out surely cannot be called a very balanced life.

One can hardly congratulate Ruth Lawrence on "gaining a starred first and putting other students to shame". After such intense and exclusive breeding, cramming, tutoring and disciplined confinement, one would not expect anything less than a first. Otherwise, what would be the point of such sacrifices?

Baton change

From Robert Ponsonby, Controller, Music, BBC, Great Portland Street, London

Would that I had spent two years "conducting" (Spectrum, July 19) the Scottish National Orchestra. My good friend and distinguished colleague, Sir Alexander Gibson, obstinately took the view that he and I should each stick to his last. So he conducted, I managed.

The poet in November

There have been three great poets in our century: Hardy, Yeats – and Robert Graves. Hardy died in 1928, Yeats 10 years later; Robert Graves celebrated his 90th birthday this week, in the house, Canellun ("the house far away"), that has been his for more than 50 years, in the village of Deya, on the island of Majorca.

Nowadays Robert Graves *says nothing at all. But his wife* reads to him every night, and he listens. Almost his last words to us as poet told of the failure of "the flesh beneath" to acknowledge the "wrinkled skin":

Here looms November. When
last did I approach
Paper with ink, pen and the half
truth?

Advise me, Reason!

He has not been exactly uncontroversial. He is flamboyant, arrogant, *supérieur*, as someone once sneered. But he is also warm and generous. And always, at the same time, he is, as he describes himself in a famous poem, standing *"ready, with a boy's presumption,/To court the queen in her high silk pavilion"*.

He was born on July 24, 1895, the son of an Irish poet, Alfred Perceval Graves, and a good-hearted but ferociously moralistic German mother, Amalia, *née* von Ranke. She tried, as his father told him in 1930, to "keep him pure". Her ideas of purity were impossible and impractical, and involved keeping everything from him except things proper to childhood, which would last for ever.

He was unhappy at his public school, Charterhouse, but in the end managed to carve a niche for himself there – not least by being successful at boxing. He volunteered in 1914, for the Royal Welch Fusiliers, expecting an easy war, soon won. By 1915 he was in France, and knew it was not going to be that way. Like most others in that infamous war, he was brave and comradely: a good officer, but his fellow officers found him strange and remote. He was still an awful prig, but one, Siegfried Sassoon, defended him, and when they heard he had been killed, they were sad.

For he was twice wounded in an attack, in the groin and lung, and was left for dead. His obituary appeared in *The Times*, for he was already regarded as a promsing poet. His first book, *Over the Brazier*, was published in that year: 1916, but he survived, was sent home, and had to let all his friends know that he was recovering. He spent the rest of the war on administrative duties.

In the meantime he had fallen in love with Nancy Nicholson, daughter of the painter William Nicholson. They were married in 1918, before he was demobilised. Nancy was sweet, but hated men on principle. She was an unbeliever on the grounds that God could never have made anything as stupid as males. Graves, who has throughout his life attempted to live up to this *gloomy assessment*, was *glad* that their wedding night was interrupted by an air raid, since, he says they were both embarrassed and confused.

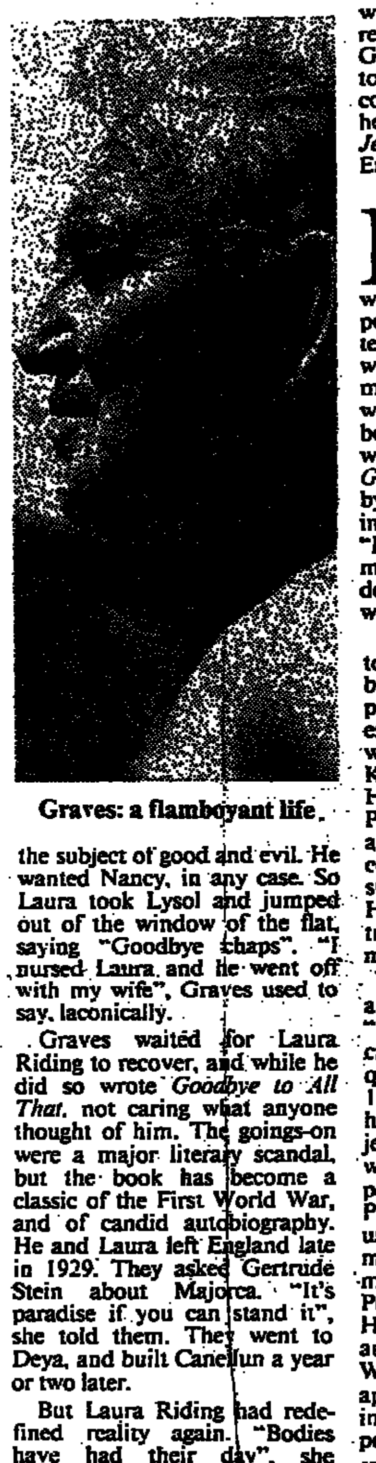
He went up to St John's College, Oxford, but was allowed to live outside the city because of his poor lungs. He rented a cottage from John Masefield, who would become Poet Laureate in a few years.

Then "Shopkeeping on Parnassus" the *Daily Mirror* screamed. He and Nancy opened a shop. A feature in an evening newspaper showed "Poet Who Makes Own Clothes". From the photograph they look like anticipations of *Star Trek*, but more awful. T. E Lawrence thought him exactly what a poet should be, and they became close friends.

The shop failed. Nancy and he remained in villages near Oxford until the end of 1925. He would not allow himself to be psychoanalysed like other victims of the war, because he thought it would ruin him as a poet. But he felt guilty: he was destroying Nancy, whose health was bad. By then they had four children: two boys and two girls. He took his first and only job: lecturer in English at the University of Cairo. He stayed there for three disastrous months.

Meanwhile an American poet, Laura Riding, had come to England, suddenly, on an invitation he had issued earlier. He had admired her work. She was what he – and Nancy – had been looking for. Within the year of 1926 she had taken over the Graves establishment, and Robert had been instructed by Nancy to become Laura's lover. They lived in a *ménage a trois* in a flat in Hammersmith, with a houseboat moored nearby. Laura defined it as the Trinity. Graves told Lawrence that he had now discovered a secret fount of knowledge, and in a sense he had, for Laura Riding was one of the most gifted poets of the century, but she had to define everything, and when it or she changed, she made new definitions. It was hard to keep up with.

In 1929 another man turned up with whom Laura fell in love. The Trinity was changed into 'the Four'. But the man could not quite live up to her demands, which included collaborating with her on a book on the subject of good and evil. He wanted Nancy, in any case. So Laura took Lysol and jumped out of the window of the flat, saying "Goodbye chaps". "I nursed Laura and he went off with my wife", Graves used to say, laconically.


Graves: a flamboyant life

Graves waited for Laura Riding to recover, and while he did so wrote *Goodbye to All That*, not caring what anyone thought of him. The goings-on were a major literary scandal, but the book has become a classic of the First World War, and of candid autobiography. He and Laura left England late in 1929. They asked Gertrude Stein about Majorca. "It's paradise if you can stand it", she told them. They went to Deya, and built Canellun a year or two later.

But Laura Riding had redefined reality again. "Bodies have had their day", she pronounced. Graves concurred, but at some cost to himself. They found themselves in financial difficulties, and he responded by writing *I, Claudius*, and its sequel, his second runaway best seller. But he had to tell his friends that he might have to knock them down if they praised this potboiling trash.

They had to leave Majorca when the Spaniards went to war with themselves in 1936. First they went to London, then to Lugano, then back to London, then to a château near Rennes in Britanny. Laura Riding did all she could to stop the oncoming war.

Eventually in 1939 an admirer invited her to America just as Graves had invited her to England 14 years earlier. They both *went*. Bodies had their day again. Graves left, shattered, muttering darkly. Twenty years of hand-to-hand fighting in domestic trenches had left their mark. He would not have survived, perhaps, if his friend Beryl Hodge – who had been with them since Rennes – had not been there to put him together.

They went to Galmpton, near Brixham in South Devon, and started a new family. They were to have four children, but they could not get married because feminist Nancy would not recognize the description of the suit: Graves v Graves. It must be Graves v Nicholson. She would not budge. She only relented after the war. So Graves had to introduce Beryl to the local vicar as "my wife by courtesy". He also told him that he was writing his novel *King Jesus* "to convert the Church of England to Christianity".

But for the first time he was serene and happy. His poetry of the 1930s had been tense and nerve-shot. Now he wrote his greatest and most memorable love poems. He also wrote some of his best prose books, the most influential of which has been *The White Goddess*, which was published by T. S. Eliot at Faber & Faber in 1948. The thesis of this "historical grammar of poetic myth" is that poets must be dedicated to real women, whatever they are like.

He and his family went back to Majorca in 1946, and have been there ever since. Gradually poetry readers became interested in him again. Young writers such as John Wain and Kingsley Amis admired him. He was elected Professor of Poetry at Oxford in 1960, and although he is a poor lecturer by conventional standards, the students flocked to hear him. He published essays, his lectures, more novels, works on myth.

But above all he continued as a poet. He struggled with "muses", in poems of exquisite craftsmanship. Most were not quite as powerful as those of the 1930s and 1940s, but they set high standards – and there are jewels among them. A Graves who talked and did not write poetry would be impossible. Perhaps that is what he is telling us with his silence. "Britain's most distinguished poet and man of letters", says Anthony Powell. Surely this must be true. He has delighted many with his autobiography and his fiction. We now send him our love and appreciation for speaking for us in what he is best of all at, poetry:

With you for mast and sail and
flag,
And anchor never known to
drag,
Death's narrow but oppresive
sea
Looks not unnavigable to me.

Martin Seymour-Smith

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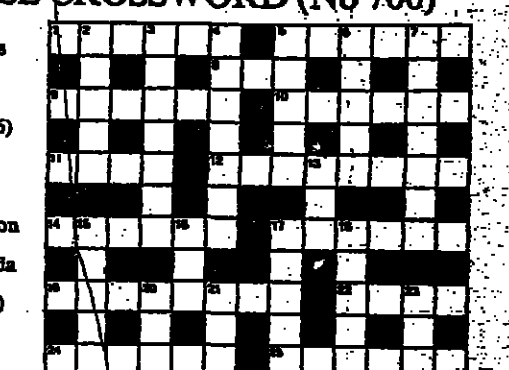

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FRIDAY PAGE

Long-distance lone rangers

A brave new breed of travelling girls has emerged, no longer afraid to backpack the world alone. Nicholas Coleridge finds out what lies behind their spirit

"Often I was already in bed by six o'clock. Dinner takes no time when you're eating alone in a hotel. I didn't know anybody in Thailand and was afraid walking about on my own after dark so I took a bottle of Coke with a straw up to my grotty room and got into my sleeping-bag and listened to my boogie pack or read a book.

"It was so enjoyable. Nobody knew I was here, or who I was, so there was no pressure to do anything more interesting." Melissa Colston, aged 23, is one of a new type of traveller: the girl who chooses to go on her own.

In the last 18 months there has been a marked change in travel patterns. Girls who travelled two by two across India or South America or South East Asia now travel alone. It is a phenomenon which raises spectres of loneliness, danger and despair. Few girls who travel alone have escaped without at least one frightening experience. Yet most say they enjoyed being alone, staying in cramped hotels near the railway station cheaply and anonymously, doing exactly as they please.

There is no obvious explanation for it all, unless it is the new spirit of restlessness in Britain: the notion of travelling with a group of old friends seems too safe, otiose and constricting.

Melissa is not an obvious solo traveller. She seems too slight to haggle for her own rickshaw. Nevertheless, she survived four months travelling through Pakistan, India and Thailand. "Why on my own? I'd half arranged to go with someone who couldn't make it in the end. My friends were full of scare stories: everyone seemed to have heard of someone who was mugged in Kashmir, or had their passport and necklace stolen."

> ❛I didn't think I was lonely at the time but reading back through my diary I see that I was❜

Her only dangerous moment came in a hotel in Bangkok. "I think it was called the Swan; not too bad downstairs, but my room was grim; I spent as much time as possible downstairs. One evening I was talking to a Thai boy in the bar. He was very friendly and quite well dressed and genuinely interested in England: more knowledgeable than most people you meet in hotels like that. After I'd gone up to bed he phoned me in my room, inviting me to have another drink. I said 'No', and he was slightly unpleasant. Then he walked into my room.

"He walked straight in and put the chain on. I was certain he was going to rape me. I said, weakly, 'Please go away'. He said, 'No, I'm staying here with you'. I realized I had to talk to him until he calmed down. I flattered him. We talked for about an hour and slowly he relaxed, until he was lying on my bed and I was on the chair. Then I made a dash for it, slipped the chain and ran out into the passage shouting 'Help'. Several people looked out of their rooms and he ran off.

"My happiest time was in Kashmir. Six people had been killed the day I arrived and there was a curfew throughout Srinagar, so I found a houseboat to shelter on. Every day I spent with the fishermen on the Jhelum river. They were terribly kind and I never saw another tourist for three weeks. Sometimes I slept on their boat. I was rather shy and nervous at first, but needn't have been.

"What I missed most was being able to have a proper conversation: their English was too poor for that. Funnily enough I didn't think I was lonely at the time, but reading back through my diary I see that I was.

"In London you have to be doing something every evening or you feel guilty. The moment I felt loneliest was at the Taj Mahal. A lot of honeymooning Indians were there and I really wished I was with someone that I liked a lot to sit down and have beer with.

"India was mostly fine though. I'd go out to supper somewhere and there was a 75 per cent chance someone would come come and talk to you. Indians are nice like that, they show great interest in your itinerary."

The first week is the worst for single travellers. Georgia Metcalfe's arrival at Delhi airport at two in the morning left her feeling "vulnerable. I had no hotel reservation, no one to meet me, no contacts, no rupees.'

"The official at the airport reception agreed to book me into a cheap hotel and I set off on the bus to Delhi. I was the only passenger, the journey seemed to take hours and I became convinced that I was being driven into the wilderness to be robbed and murdered. Eventually we drew up outside the Hotel Bright. Unfortunately it did not live up to its name, being dark and dingy.

"I was terrified when we stumbled over a beggar sleeping on the pitch-black stairs. My room was small with no windows and a grubby bed. The heat was unbearable, almost solid. I drank warm chlorinated water which tasted of my plastic flask, and in a fit of paranoia washed my feet with TCP after they'd accidentally touched the floor. I was terribly frightened and wondered whether I was mad to be there.

"The next day I met an Australian couple who told me that I was, in no uncertain terms.

"The girl, insinuating herself still closer to her smug boyfriend, said 'I was separated from Jeff for less than 30 seconds and was immediately surrounded by Indian youths who put their hands up my skirt and burned my thighs with cigarettes' I had no reason to doubt her. And yet she looked like a victim, and I was determined not to. Gradually the nightmare receded."

Georgia says she "felt very happy staying in these places, but remained wary. With fellow travellers I was prudish, but with Indians I was stricter than the Pope. The second question that every Indian asks you (after "where are you coming from") is 'Ah but are you *only one*?' Sometimes I invented a terribly convenient husband who just happened to be in the next street or town, waiting for me to join him.

> ❛When you're travelling with someone from home it's a reminder of what the real you is like❜

"For the last three months I alternated between seedy hotels, sharing dormitories with unknown bearded men, and luxurious houses in Calcutta: the upshot of a chance encounter with some Indians in a cafe. Completing the circle in Delhi, I could hardly believe it was the same city: it bore no relation to the seething turmoil of my first few days. I saw a girl on her own near the station, with a desperately strained expression, and hoped she too would come to terms with solo travel; because I enjoyed it and am sure it did me good".

Jane Barclay, aged 22, found herself traveling solo in Brazil following a personality clash. "I saw Peru with a girlfriend but it became claustrophobic, sharing the same bedroom, the same buses, always with her 23 hours a day. I sailed several hundred miles to a tiny village called Benjamin Constant, a few ramshackle huts on a riverbank. They speak a dialect peculiar to themselves and nothing else.

"My money rapidly ran out. There was no bank to draw more. No boat would be arriving for at least 13 days so I was stranded.

"The rainy season was starting and there were torrential downpours. The villagers were suspicious about what a young single girl was doing there, and nobody spoke to me. One's sense of dislocation was appalling. It occurred to me that I would never get to Benjamin Constant. It was the only time that I have ever known real fear."

Jane occupied her time writing a diary. It was very thorough and introspective. "Was I ever lonely? Sometimes desperately. I daren't even contemplate the joy of having a friend with me. And yet there were wonderful moments too. When you're travelling with someone from home it's a constant reminder of what the real you is like: Alone, you are able to behave in a chameleon-like way, to blend in with hippies and peasants.

"I love dancing to Latin American music and the fact that I can samba and salsa broke down barriers. At the same time I was cautious. Even when you are being friendly you learn to exude a sort of barrier around yourself.

"Further up the Amazon I travelled for 10 days on a cargo boat with a Brazilian crew. I was the only female on board. We ate salted fish and fricassee of monkey. The captain came into my cabin one evening, rather drunk, and said if I slept with him I wouldn't have to pay. I said 'Thank you very much. I'm worth more than 60,000 cruzeiro (about £10) or whatever'."

Few girls travel alone in Israel. There is no network of cheap hotels and no appropriate guidebook. Nor do many girls speak Hebrew. Leila Segal aged 18, chose Israel because she was in the throes of a Jewish reversion.

"I lived for two months on a kibbutz at Machanayim, near Kiriat Shmona. It was a brilliant place, working in the avocado fields spraying chemical weedkiller. I discovered a completely different side to myself. I didn't care what I looked like, nobody does in Israel, you forget what it's like to be conscious of your appearance. It is also very safe. I did a lot of hitch-hiking and felt much safer than in England. In London I never feel comfortable after dark on my own.

"After the kibbutz I travelled all over the country, camping under a blanket on the Golan Heights. I have never felt more myself. The Israelis, especially the kibbutzniks, are very intense: later I went to Jerusalem. I wasn't happy there because I was having problems with the Jewish faith.

"My stay in Israel was a strange time for me. I needed very much to be on my own and was in no mood for small talk or being light-headed"

Extracted from the August edition of
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Girls with a taste for adventure: clockwise (from top left) Georgia Metcalfe, Leila Segal, Jane Barclay and Melissa Colston

GLOBE-TROTTERS' HOTEL GUIDE

Highly recommended: Sudha Lodge hotel, Bangalore, India (excellent fans); Hotel Nirvana, Darjeeling, India (large towels); Hotel Savoy, Srinagar, Kashmir (widest beds in Kashmir); Kiminga Hotel, Goroka, Papua New Guinea (only hot water in town): Sam Khoo's Mini Camp, Pangkor Island, Malaysia (excellent noodles); Hotel Ko Wa, Rua de Felicidade, Macau (casino downstairs); Hotel Carolinas, Samosir, Sumatra (humorous fat cook); L'Auberge Port-au-Prince, Haiti (obscene parrot in dining room), Hotel Prince, Oroya, Peru (very clean hotel in very dirty town); Hotel America, Asuncion, Paraguay (luxurious mosquito nets).

Contingency billets: Hotel Dagon, Rangoon, Burma (no running water, despite protestations); Hotel Sahara, Suakin, Sudan (mounds of rubbish under beds); Hotel Makmar, Jambi, Sumatra (dripping waste pipes above beds); U Thong Hotel, Chandrakasen Place, Bangkok (off-putting short-lets in the afternoon); Hotel Malabar, Bandung, Java (dangerous dog in terrace bar); Lake View Lodge, Hyderabad, India (no view of lake); Hotel Granaderia, Guanajuato, Mexico (worst tamales south of Rio Grande); Hans Guest House, Belize (habitual theft); Pension Las Palmas, Utila, Honduras (only bearable in second week of April when they change the sheets); Hotel Josefina, Masaya.

Late abortions: a new dilemma for doctors

Abortion is back on the political agenda. Quietly so, at present. But if the Government accepts the recommendations of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists that the legal limit for abortion should be cut from 28 weeks to 24, it will be back generating all its usual controversy, emotion and fury.

The as yet unpublished report recognized a dilemma both ethical and legal, of which doctors have become increasingly aware in recent years. Under the Infant Life Preservation Act of 1929, which, rather than the Abortion Act of 1967, actually sets the limits on how late abortions can be carried out, it is illegal to abort a baby "capable of being born alive". It sets a limit of 28 weeks after which a foetus is assumed to be capable of life.

Advances in care for the very premature baby, however, have been such that foetuses under 28 weeks now regularly survive. The implication, therefore, is that very late abortions are being carried out on some foetuses which, given appropriate care, have a good chance of surviving. Such abortions are thus ethically dubious and probably illegal.

The question is: where should a new limit be set? There are arguments for 20, 22 and 24 weeks.

Drafts of the college's report highlight a survey of 595 babies of less than 28 weeks in neonatal intensive care units in Britain in 1982, which showed that foetuses of 26 and 27 weeks have a better than 50 per cent chance of survival. Of those aged 24 weeks only 16 per cent survived, although better figures have been reported from Australia.

There are occasional reports of 23-week-old foetuses surviving, usually for only a few days or weeks, and there appears to be no well-documented case of one such surviving into infancy. Present medical technology indicates a point around the 22 to 23 mark below which it is impossible to keep a foetus alive because the lungs are too immature and nutrition proves impossible. To go further paediatricians would probably need to develop artificial placentas and wombs.

A limit of 20 or even 22 weeks would, therefore, guarantee that no foetus capable of being born alive would be aborted. But both deadlines bring other problems.

The college's report says: "We believe that if a limit of 22 weeks were agreed it would result in heroic and often wasteful efforts being made to salvage babies that could result in survival with handicap".

Limited facilities in neo-natal intensive care units would be devoted to trying to maintain life in very immature babies at the expense of others with a better prognosis. Babies with severe malformations, which at present could be aborted, would almost certainly have to be born because some defects can be detected only late in pregnancy. While tests can be made at 16 to 18 weeks, cells still have to grow: the first test can fail, delays and mistakes can occur and a 22-week limit can easily be passed.

A study at the London Hospital Medical College of 1,000 foetuses aborted in Britain after 20 weeks in 1982 showed that a 24-week limit would have prevented abortions in 26 cases of serious foetal abnormalities. A 22-week limit would have stopped 77 such abortions. The college's report therefore settles on 24 weeks.

"On the one hand", it says, "the great majority of foetuses that are capable of surving extra-uterine life would be protected, while on the other hand, it would ensure that, with few exceptions, women with currently accepted reasons for a legal abortion would still have time to obtain one".

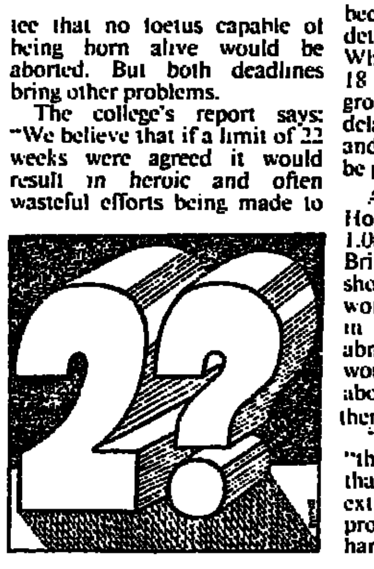
The situation is complicated by the development of chorion villus sampling, which is a new method, not yet widely available, for detecting foetal abnormalities between eight and 11 weeks rather than at 17 to 20 by amniocentesis. Its safety and efficacy is currently being studied by the Medical Research Council. But while it should reduce the need for some late abortions, it cannot detect some structural defects in the foetus such as spina bifida and anencephaly.

Ultrasound can detect these and the college points out that improvements in technology make it likely that the diagnosis of even more disorders, only detectable late in pregnancy, will be possible.

The college report concludes that "a reduction of the age limit below 24 weeks would seriously interfere with attempts to reduce the number of babies born with severe malformations". It is an argument which looks set to run and run.

Nicholas Timmins

MEDICAL BRIEFING SPECIAL



A fête worse than death

FIRST PERSON

Nigel Andrew

Once they were simply called fêtes, and I am sure there weren't nearly so many of them. Now there are Summer Fayres, Marts and Events everywhere. In my neck of suburbia, any weekend from Mayday to the end of August will offer a choice of three or four. In the June peak period it is possible to do a circuit of four or five on foot – pushing a pushchair. We even have a local shop catering exclusively for the organizers of such events. Is this all part of the New Hedonism – or is the explanation simpler?

The trouble with fêtes is twofold: children like them, and they provide the perfect opportunity for one parent to get rid of the rest of the family for an afternoon and stay at home "getting on with things". This is why you seldom see a family group at a fête – and why we old hands, as we trail around weekend after weekend, keep seeing the same old faces. We fathers, as we pass, exchange a secret sign involving an almost unnoticeable rolling of the eyes. It means – you too?

Dragged by our excited children we go into the thick of it. And we know what we are letting ourselves in for. The first is the onset of a condition unknown to medical science. It is a combination of low-level migraine and physical exhaustion.

It is probably the first sighting of the inflatable castle that does it. This is now an obligatory feature of any self-respecting fête

The inflatable seems to be one of only two major innovations in the fête world. The other is face painting, and here – as with so many features of life in the 1980s – one would very much like to meet the person who first thought of the idea. Happily, though, there is a new school of restrained and tasteful face-painting – stars and crescents on the cheeks (echoes of 1967!). One hopes the fashion for purple and green hair plus complete facial may now be on the wane.

What else has changed? The music, for sure, and the way in which it is presented. Blasted out at maximum volume we have *The Birdie Song* (don't know it? Believe me, you do!), then a disco version of *Can-Can*, then a medley of popular classics which have been fed through a defective synthesizer and given a disco beat. We suffer a string of "gags" from the man at the disco console, who has an enormous paunch and indecently short shorts.

However, the traditional elements do somehow survive – the coconut shies, hoopla hook the duck, raffles, tombola and teas . . . There is enough in all this to catch the most exhausted and resentful fête-goer in a sudden blast of childhood nostalgia: for a moment, you can almost feel the hot half-crown in your clammy palm.

All this emotional wear and tear, it's no wonder that some of us look forward to a sunny weekend with mixed feelings. Week after week, the hollow-eyes regiment of pseudo one-parent families does the festive rounds. After all, we tell ourselves – it's all in a good cause.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Maxwell's match?

Sir James Goldsmith had partial success. Cecil Parkinson won outright. Now Robert Maxwell is embarking on a war with *Private Eye*. In the High Court on Wednesday Maxwell applied but failed to get an injunction preventing distribution of this week's *Eye* in which there are further references to Maxwell's alleged financial links – rejected out of hand in Maxwell's *Mirror* last week – with Neil Kinnock and his office. Maxwell immediately appealed. The *Eye* obtained an overnight adjournment, and yesterday morning presented an affidavit declaring it would seek to justify the allegations. This Lord Donaldson accepted. Maxwell now intends to sue for libel, and various letters have been received by the *Eye's* distributors threatening to join them in the action. The *Eye* will defend itself to the last, and is threatening to subpoena documents from Maxwell's empire, from Neil Kinnock's office, and from the Labour Party generally. "It's going to be a battle," says an *Eye* spokesman, "on the same scale as Goldsmith."

Royal coup

We have underrated the literary talents of our future monarch. On the Italian Riviera tonight, Prince Charles, I understand, will be named winner of the children's book section of the Bodighera International Literary Prize for his *The Old Man of Lochnagar*, finally published in Italy this year to cash in on the royal couple's visit. Prince Charles will not be there to receive his award in person. Indeed, neither his agent, spokesman nor his British publisher seem aware that he has won it – or have ever heard of such a prize. Perhaps our own Rome correspondent, Peter Nichols, himself the winner of the principal prize, might like to accept it on his behalf?

● **Lebanon is finally cracking down on terrorists. The following announcement has just been broadcast by Beirut Radio: "Vendors of newspapers, magazines, chewing gum and other articles are banned from the airport. Gunmen are also banned from the airport."**

Over-exposure

Koo Stark is about to embark on a new career – as a magazine photographer. Not for *Tatler*, *Vogue* or one of the more fashionable glossies but for the somewhat more staid but eminently respectable *Bookseller* magazine. Editor Louis Baum is delighted with his Koo. . . I mean coup. As Mrs Jefferies, as she now is, will be at next month's Edinburgh book fair to promote her new book, *Contrasts*, he has commissioned her to go round snapping the high and mighty of the literary world.

BARRY FANTONI

'We want to see the traditional England: a Shakespeare play, a Belgrano Debate . . .'

Jake's progress

Jake Eberts, the man who transformed Goldcrest from a one-man company to Britain's largest independent film producer before abruptly quitting, may soon be back in the driving seat. Ostensibly he left in 1983 because he was swamped by administration, but also because he and chairman James Lee did not see eye to eye. Last week Lee himself resigned after a boardroom disagreement. Attempts have now been made to woo Eberts back. Eberts, who has been planning to set up his own company after leaving Embassy Films in March, is thought likely to seize the chance to save his drowning baby. If so, happier days may be just round the corner for the troubled flagship of the Bitish film renaissance.

Unpropped

Not even the highest in the land were unaffected by the miners' strike. The Duke of Devonshire's forestry operations went into the red, and six foresters were given the chop, because the demand for pit props suddenly evaporated. To make up for lost income, the Duke now wants to fell 200 acres of woodland in the Peak District national park. The authorities, I'm glad to hear, are stalling.

Counted out

So much for Frances "Big Lil" Morrell's attempt to get a seat on Labour's national executive. The ILEA leader was nominated some time ago by her local party, Islington South. Unfortunately such nominations are valid only if the nominee was selected as a delegate for the party conference by July 5. Islington failed to make it on time.

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Those who live in palaces . . .

by David Hart

While the Government has been refusing even to put its toe into the waters of housing policy reform by abolishing rent controls on new lettings, the Duke of Edinburgh has plunged in head first. The bland assurance in the report of the inquiry bearing his name, that "We are aware, of course, of the political overtones of our subject matter", merely underlines his unwisdom. If the Duke wants to play politics he must be prepared to accept the consequences.

The report is muddled in its analysis, full of spend-more-of-other-people's-money nonsense and characterized by total lack of respect for the wishes and rights of the individual typical of the well-meaning, woolly political thinking that ran Britain into an almost terminal decline in the 1960s and 1970s.

It is full of unimpressive insights: "votes can be won or lost by granting or withdrawing housing privileges"; barely disguised envy: "Not only does tax exemption extend to "improvements of already quite luxurious housing but loans that attract interest relief can 'leak' out of housing into the purchase of consumer durables, holidays and current expenditure"; and the odd Stalinist dicta: "we recommend . . . the transfer of property to other approved landlords including housing co-operatives."

Although much lip-service is paid to the concept of owner-occupation, it is clear that deep down it is not approved of. For example: "We believe that a single-minded emphasis on owner occupation has certain dangers . . ."; "the popularity of owner occupation may be the result of a lack of an attractive rented alternative . . ."; "We reject the popular belief that home ownership is the best tenure for all . . ."

The report is full of tacit assumptions and omissions. The most glaring gap: the anlysis of Mortgage Interest Relief fails to mention that through the inflationary erosion of real value, relief to the taxpayer has been more than halved since it was pegged at £25,000 in 1974. That is £85,000 in today's money.

The report's principal criticisms of government policy are that not enough money is being spent on housing and that too much is being given to house owners through mortgage tax relief.

It does not even mention that there has been a crude national surplus of units of accommodation over households for more than 20 years, that this surplus has grown consistently since then, that today the surplus is some 1 million dwellings, that there is a surplus or at least a balance in all regions. Not only is this information not set out in the report but a paragraph describing the decline in numbers of new houses built is offered without comment. Nor is there any mention that spending on private-sector home improvement grants has increased fourteenfold since 1978.

Nor does the report mention that much of the inner-city homelessness that is acute in London and other large urban centres is partly caused by Labour local authorities playing politics. For many years many of these authorities have operated a consistent policy of buying up as many private-sector houses as they could afford then leaving them to stand empty and rot, so that Tory voters would not buy them and vote Labour councils out of power.

The role of local authorities is to be central to several of the report's main purposes, even though their record in housing is disgraceful. Wild schemes in the 1960s, in which streets whose occupants were quite happy with their homes and surroundings were demolished and the occupants bullied into highrise blocks which soon became characterized by vandalism and fear, are just one, well known example.

The Duke even goes some way to recognizing this: "We have been struck by the variety of (council) estates which are unpopular. There are large, high density estates of high and medium rise maisonette blocks . . ." The analysis then recognizes the need for change in the provision of rented accommodation: "We are suggesting a financial framework in which much greater diversity of housing for rent can flourish . . ." but when confronted by the only logical conclusion of his analysis – deregulation – he baulks. Although he points out that the private rented market has collapsed because of rent controls he cannot bing himself to face the natural solution.

Furthermore, the Duke and his colleagues have "grave doubts whether free market rents are appropriate in the short term". Although several reasons are offered for this, it is clear that the underlying reason is a fear that individuals acting freely on each other might make arrangements that would not be considered suitable by the housing lobby.

This kind of socialist pretension – to know better than the individual what is good for him – characterizes the proposal for a new basis for determining rents.

Such rents are to be assessed by the rent officer on the basis of "a real return of around 4 per cent on capital value," plus some adjustments for management and service charges if appropriate. At the moment rented residential property can sell for a return to the buyer of anything from less than 1 to more than 20 per cent depending on the location, the condition, the status of the tenants (controlled, regulated, open market) and the demand and supply ratio. To put all rents into the 4 per cent return bracket is utterly absurd. Even fewer landlords will be prepared to offer rented accommodation in the regulated sector. They will simply sell with vacant possession as and when they can get it.

It is a great misfortune that the Duke has allowed himself to be talked into signing such a document. There are precedents for these mystical conjunctions between monarchy and pressure groups, but they have usually occurred in uncontroversial areas. The report is a craven example of a vested interest urging that new restrictions and regulations be introduced so that it can spend more of other people's money largely to further its own sectional interests.

True concern for the citizen can best be displayed by showing the highest respect for his right to spend his own money as he wishes.

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40 years on, James Callaghan celebrates the election that swept Labour to power

1945: the hope ushered in with a red rosette

Forty years ago this morning the Lord Mayor of Cardiff stood on the steps of City Hall and declared the result of the general election in the city. Three young unknown Labour candidates had gained all three Conservative-held seats. The Town Clerk held an umbrella over the Lord Mayor's head as he read the results, but we hardly noticed the pouring rain: all three of us – George Thomas, Hilary Marquand and myself – were hoisted into the air and carried shoulder-high from City Hall. On that day our success was repeated time and time again throughout the country.

Because of the need to collect the servicemen's votes from all around the world, we candidates had spent an anxious three weeks waiting for the verdict. The press had acted throughout the campaign as though Mr Churchill and the Conservatives were bound to triumph: but it had completely misjudged the mood in the country: so had Churchill in his reference to a Labour government needing to fall back on some sort of Gestapo.

It was the Service vote that did it: not only the votes of the men and women in the armed forces but their letters written home to wives and parents urging them to vote Labour. I had noticed in the last two years of the war that Churchill's broadcasts – which had inspired us all in 1940 – were no longer listened to on the mess deck.

But Labour did not win office simply as a reaction against the Tories' domination of the 1930s, or their association with the tragedy of mass unemployment. There was a desire for change, a strong feeling of hope for the future and a high level of social unity. Churchill had fought to defeat facism. We fought also to build a new Britain.

When the result was declared there was great excitement and a remarkable outpouring of goodwill. I arrived in London and proudly asked a taxi driver to take me to the House of Commons. When he heard that I was a new Labour MP he refused to accept the fare.

The winner: James Callaghan, fresh from naval service, with Cardiff supporters on polling day, July 5 1945.

I shall always remember the thrill of that first day when I walked into the chamber. The Commons met initially in the House of Lords while the Commons chamber, demolished during the war, was rebuilt. In our innocence on that first day we crowded on to the floor of the chamber while stalwart badge messengers tried vainly to push us back behind the Bar of the House.

Churchill arrived to sit on the Opposition benches and Colonel Thornton-Kemsley of Kincardine, sporting a monocle, rose to his feet and began a Tory chorus of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow". As the strains died down, a Yorkshire miner, little George Griffiths of Hemsworth, struck up the Red Flag. We needed no encouragement to relieve our emotions and we sang our hearts out. There was nowhere else I would rather have been on that historic day. We were euphoric, but the new cabinet knew better what lay ahead.

In the chamber the Government benches were so full they overflowed on to the Opposition side, although Clement Davies managed to retain the second bench for the Liberals. On the front bench below the gangway, where Dennis Skinner nowadays conducts his running battle with the SDP, there was no dispute. The corner seats were occupied as of right by Jimmy Maxton, the Clydeside rebel, together with the remnants of the Independent Labour Party. Another Clydeside rebel, Davie Kirkwood, sat muttering throughout one of Churchill's speeches. Churchill stopped and looked up over his glasses, "Keep quiet, Davie" he said, and Davie did.

Major John Freeman, a newcomer, moved the reply to the King's Speech. I sat behind him. He was immaculate in army uniform, his Sam Browne belt polished until it shone. Two thirds of the members were new. Military uniforms and ranks abounded. The Tories had most of the very senior ranks but Labour could boast of Lt-General Sir Frank-Mason-MacFarlane. In debate those who held commissioned rank were referred to as both "Honourable and Gallant", but a stoker like Wally Edwards of Stepney, whom Attlee made Civil Lord of the Admiralty, or Sergeant George Wallace, Member for Chislehurst – now Lord Wallace of Coslany – were not "Gallant" for they were not officers. It was two or three years before such snobbery disappeared.

Each member was allotted one tiny locker for his overflowing letters and every day we searched for somewhere to pitch. The present reference library was then called the map room and was the accepted meeting place for the 34 miners' MPs. In winter it boasted the biggest coal fire in the House and was presided over by George Dagger, from Abertillery, always resplendent in stiff winged collar and spotted bow tie. On one occasion we new young Service Labour MPs banded together in an attempt to establish squatters' rights. The miners quickly saw us off.

In the first few months the overriding topic for the new Service members was how quickly demobilization could begin. The atom bombs had been dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki only a few days after the Labour government had taken over. We had memories of the disillusion that had awaited the soldiers returning from the First World War and we were determined that those shameful experiences should not be repeated.

Fortunately Ernest Bevin and the Ministry of Labour had made careful plans: a fleet of ships brought hundreds of thousands of men and women back from every quarter of the globe to be demobilized in an orderly fashion without favouritism. It was a remarkable achievement. Moreover, thanks to careful and conscientious planning and preparation, they were reintegrated into civilian jobs without the huge levels of unemployment that had so disfigured the inter-war years.

Some of our priorities were different from today's but I do not think we were wrong. We applauded the government's decision to divert grain ships from Australia that had been intended to feed us in Britain in order to stave off an expected famine in India; we rejoiced as the Poor Law was swept away, pensions were more than doubled, the Bank of England and many other industries were placed in public hands, and the National Health Service was established. Full employment and social equality were our goals.

Both achievements and failure lay ahead of us. But on that historic July 26, 1945, I felt there was nothing we could not do. I used to conclude my election speeches with the slogan "We built the Spitfires. Now let us build the houses." We had hope and a belief in a better future. Our government was itself a product, a participant and an executant of a particular social unity, morality and egalitarianism.

One day the dreary defeatism that now tells us that government borrowing is an evil and unemployment is inevitable will be swept away. And so this morning, 40 years on, I shall take my place in the Commons remembering the people and deeds of yesteryear, in the certain knowledge that more is left for our future than the memory of a more hopeful past.

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From the cruise ship, a barrage of protest

Riga, Latvia

The normally icy water of the Baltic are pleasantly warm at this time of year, and the resort of Yurmala on the Bay of Riga – much favoured by government officials from Moscow – is full of holidaymakers. Some of them are windsurfing, a popular sport in the Baltic republics. But hovering discreetly are Soviet patrol boats, just in case any of the windsurfers should stray a little too far towards Finland or Scandinavia.

This week they are also busy preparing to intercept messages launched from a ship hired by Baltic emigrés protesting against Russification – although as one resident put it, "We know all about that already".

As the foreign ministers of East and West prepare to mark the tenth anniversary of the Helsinki conference in the Finnish capital, the Baltic patrols are a reminder that although Moscow subscribes in principle to the conference's charter on human rights and the free movement of peoples, in practice there has been a tightening up. This is true not least in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, which are exposed to Scandinavian influences.

This month there were largescale song festivals in the Baltic republics, a chance to dress up in rustic national costumes and to express the culture which sprang from the cobbled streets and Germanic spires of old Riga or Tallinn.

The Baltic peoples appear to accept their incorporation into the Soviet Union, enjoy higher living standards than other republics, and are not exactly on the verge of revolt. But at Riga the massive security, with streets closed to ordinary citizens as 20,000 costumed singers and dancers paraded before local officials, reflected Moscow's nervousness. So too did the incongruous appearance of the Red Army at the massive open-air choral festival in Riga's Forest Park, performing close order drill to the sound of military music.

Soviet officials said a military element in the programme was natural, considering that Latvia is commemorating 45 years of Soviet power. But to many of the 30,000 Latvians in the amphitheatre it must have been an uncomfortable reminder of the imposition of Soviet rule under Stalin.

Stalin's act was in direct violation of an earlier promise by Lenin to respect the independence of the Baltic states "in perpetuity". To Latvian communists there is no contradiction. Between the wars the Baltic states had unpleasant authoritarian regimes, something which is sometimes conveniently forgotten.

When Soviet troops in 1945 restored the communist regime which had previously held sway only briefly, thousands of Latvians were deported or killed, just as they had been during the Nazi occupation. There was bloody resistance to enforced collectivization of agriculture, and anti-communist fighting forces called the Forest Brotherhood sought to restore independence.

The guerrilla movement is now played down, as is the fact that the Latvian Communist Party was minuscule at the end of the war. Mrs Paldyniya, who became minister for social security in Soviet Lativia, attributes this lack of mass support to the party's illegal existence. She and other war veterans say the dictatorship of Karlis Ulmanis was only kept in power by western "Fascists and imperialists" and that Russian troops were welcomed with flowers and renderings of the Internationale.

Similarly, communist officials emphasise the achievements of postwar Latvian industry, although they also acknowledge that "bourgeois Latvia" had an advanced electronics industry and thriving foreign trade. A further awkward fact is that since the communist takeover only 54 per cent of Riga is now made up of Latvians. Even local officials admit there are too many Russians. Many of them are in senior positions, although Latvian sociologists point out that many of the immigrants failed to make the grade in Russia, and perform necessary menial tasks.

According to Nicholas Neilands, the deputy foreign minister of Soviet Lativia, the authorities do not fear the influence of emigrė Latvians in Stockholm or Western Europe. "Many of them come to the song festival. There is no problem with visas except of course for war criminals. The emigrės see Soviet realities, and then go back and resume their anti-Soviet propaganda."

The authorities are none the less angered by the "peace and freedom" cruise of the Swedish ship, the Baltic Star, from Stockholm to Helsinki. It aims to beam anti-communist messages to the Baltic republics and to send literature ashore by balloon and unsinkable containers. The cruise, which will reach the Finnish capital this Sunday, was obviously timed to coincide with the Helsinki gathering, and the Moscow youth festival.

This "provocation by emigrė extremists" would fail, claims Neilands, and the western governments who were backing it would eventually recognize the incorporation of the Baltic republics into the Soviet Union. "It is inevitable", he said. "The old emigrės are dying out, and their so-called legations will close down. Your ambassador in Moscow refuses to come here, but the loss is his. Western interest in Soviet Latvia is enormous and you will have to be realistic."

Richard Owen

Edward Mortimer

Can Turks be good Europeans?

Should Turkey be a member of the European Community? The question is hardly topical but it is one that bothers those few people in European foreign ministries, and in the Commission in Brussels, whose job it is to think ahead.

Compared to some of its neighbours, and given its size and geographical location, Turkey attracts surprisingly little attention from the western public. But in the corridors of western officialdom, if not of power, it arouses a good deal of anxiety.

Turkey is our ally, and those who think strategically see it as a rather important one. This is not because of its military strength – considerable in manpower terms but at present very poorly equipped and largely untested – but because of its position. Turkey lies between the Soviet Union and the eastern Mediterranean, bordering both Iran and Iraq and within an hour or so's flying time of the Persian Gulf.

It is an ally that causes us all sorts of problems. Turkey's arguments with Greece over Cyprus and the Aegean divide Nato and deflect its energies away from its proper task of common defence. Turkey's poor performance on human rights and her very imperfectly democratic political system weaken the moral case of the West vis-à-vis the Warsaw Pact and lead to recriminations and il-feeling within the alliance.

These problems tend to be exacerbated by Turkey's claim to be a European state. Her membership of the Council of Europe, adhesion to the European Convention on Human Rights, and associate membership of the EEC are so many sticks with which her left-wing and liberal critics within Nato can beat her.

Indeed, it is so far exclusively in the European arena rather than in Nato proper that problems relating to Turkey's internal affairs have arisen. This fact has improved the image of Europe compared to that of the United States among Turkey's democractic opposition leaders – as did the same phenomenon earlier with their counterparts in Portugal, Spain and Greece.

In those cases the problem was "solved", in one sense, when the dictatorships fell and the countries became democracies. But this very fact put the European Community under an overwhelming moral obligation to admit them as full members. They had, as it were, adopted democracy on the understanding that it was the European thing to do, and it might have been a fatal blow to democracy in those countries if Europe" (that is the Community) had then rejected them.

It is very difficult, however, to imagine that the Turkish problem can be "solved" in this way for several reasons. In the first place, it takes a great deal of optimism to suppose that Turkey is going to make the same kind of clear-cut transition from dictatorship to democracy that the other three countries have done. Official Turkish government spokesmen would claim, of course, that the transition has already been made – that the military, after doing a tough but necessary job, has now handed over to a civilian government elected in a fair three-party contest.

Nobody else inside or outside Turkey would paint quite such a rosy picture as that. The reality is that much of the country is still being detained or tried for non-violent political association, speech and assembly taken for granted in Western Europe. All the best-known and most popular politicians from the period preceding military rule in 1980 are banned from political activity; the parties allowed to contest the general election were artifically restricted and those not represented in parliament are virtually excluded from the media.

All of these things may improve, especially if Turkey's West European friends keep up the pressure. But it is hard to see a point arriving when all can agree that full democracy has been achieved.

To give one example of the extent of the problem, this week's report from Amnesty International claims that torture of criminal as well as political suspects is routine in Trukish police stations, a practice that clearly will not be eradicated by a simple change of government.

Another reason why the European Community would have the greatest difficulty in absorbing Turkey is the extent of social and economic disparity. Turkey's gross domestic product per head is about half that of Portugal, which will now be the Community's poorest member.

Many Turks also do not seem to realize that if Turkey wishes to be accepted as a European county it will be expected to allow political freedom to minority nationalist movements such as the Kurds. Even liberal and moderate left-wing Turks find it difficult to accept the existence of a Kurdish minority, and like to assert that the problems of easten Turkey are essentially social and ecomonic.

There is nothing inherently less legitimate about a Krudish nationalist party than there is about a Welsh or Scottish one, and if it turns out that the majority of Turkish Kurds want an independent state, Turkey is unlikely to win European sympathy for attempts to deny that by force.

There are in fact good reasons for doubting whether they would want such a state. A new and admirably objective Minority Rights Group report by David McDowall shows that Kurds have neither historic nor linguistic unity and have always lived in symbiosis with their neighbours. But if anything is calulated to drive an emerging and self-conscious Kurdish elite towards separtism it is the outright refusal of Turkish governments to accord them minimal recognition as a separate ethnic group.

Only the most cosmopolitan Turks are now beginning to realize that this problem as it grows, will cloud their relations with the rest of Europe, as well as blunting the moral force at their justifies concern about the treatment of Turkish minorities elsewhere.

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

Beaching the rules

I mentioned the other day that I had seen 8,000 bodies lying prone on the beach at Nice, trying to turn as brown as beer bottles. This wasn't quite true. One of them was sitting up at the water's edge, staring morosely at the Mediterannean as it playfully washed his toes, and he stayed in this despondent position all the time we were there. He was an example of what I believe is called "Medallion Man": he had a crucifix half-hidden in his dark chest hair, a gold watch modelled from a bullion bar, rings on his fingers made from the left-overs of the bullion and a small tag on a gold chain to remind him who he was.

He may not have been in low spirits, of course; he may just have been so weighed down by precious metal that he could not move. Or perhaps he was trying to work out a way of going for a swim and leaving his fortune safely behind him. Certainly it would have been embarrassing for him to go swimming and drown with all that gold on him, knowing that divers would come looking for him as if he were a Spanish galleon.

My attention was diverted by another Frenchman who had, at least temporarily, solved the problem of weightlessness; he was suspended from a parachute and being towed to and fro across the bay by a speed-boat. I expect it's called para-gliding, or para-diving, or scuba-hanging, or acqua-dangling. The uplift was enough to support one Frenchman plus all the jewellery he needs, and although he didn't seem to be getting anywhere, he must have enjoyed invading French air space. On the other hand, perhaps he was an illegal immigrant, using my two-cups-of-tea strategy.

I should explain that years ago I devised a way of getting on to trains without paying. If you embark at a main lne station in the ordinary way (with a ticket) and then leave your jacket on the train, going back pat the barrier to buy two cups of tea, the ticket inspector *never* wants to see your ticket when you come back. A chap in shirtsleeves with two cups of tea ha obviously been on the train once already, right? Right. So al you have to do is omit the first visit to the train and simply arrive with your shirtsleeves and tea and go straight on. Never fails.

Another free method of entry involves carrying a double bass. This, again, I only discovered by accident, as I often have to carry a double bass. When you are armed with one you never get asked for your credentials. You can sail straight past the barriers at private parties, balls, glittering galas, television headquarters or even Broadcasting House. Alternatively, you can go backstage anywhere you want. Must be part of the band, mutter the staff; let him through, Sid. Even better if they make a joke ("Big guitar you got there, squire,") because then they fell honour-bound to help you.

You can use the same principle to bomb Moscow, if that's your idea of a good time. It's a waste of money, if you ask me, to build bigger and faster rockets: all you need to do is build a bomber which looks exactly like a scheduled passenger plane. Who's going to stop you? Build bigger and slower, that's the idea. I once wrote to Mr Reagan offering him the idea, but I never got a reply.

Well, it occurred to me as I lay on Nice beach, comparing my whiteness to the 8,000 beer bottles round me and feeling like an uncooked potato in a bag of chips, that if you really wanted to enter France illegally, then entering dangling from a parachute would be a really good method. Not one immigration official in a thousand would look up at the hairy medallion man in his low-cut bathing suit, coming in to France at 200 feet, and suspect that an act of illegality was taking place before his very eyes.

It was then that I looked back at the man sitting by the water's edge. Perhaps he wasn't depressed at all. Perhaps he was just very tired. Perhaps he too was an illegal immigrant who had just swum the last mile from the off-shore boat, disguised as a medallion man. Later, when he had recovered, he would saunter into Nice railway station carrying two cups of tea and get on to the Paris train. In Paris, he would purchase a cheap double bass and start a dizzying climb up through society . . .

You get some strange trains of thought, sitting in the overpowering Mediterranean sunshine.

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THE DUKE'S REPORT

Housing in Britain never had a Beveridge. Regulation and provision grew piece by jumbled piece. Lloyd George, Addison, Chamberlain, Wilson, Heath and, not least, Macmillan (the profligate builder of council houses, the half deregulator of rents, abolisher of Schedule A tax for owner occupiers): all the parties added to the patchwork. Mrs Thatcher's Government has tampered, for example with Housing Benefit and the upper limit on mortgage tax relief; but it has shirked reform. In housing policy no less than in social security, a "new Beveridge" reappraisal of welfare state responsibilities has been sorely needed.

Until yesterday, that is. For the freelance royal commission set up under the auspices of the National Federation of Housing Associations has done a job to put many an expensive and long-winded official commission to shame. The presence of the Duke of Edinburgh affords the report deserved publicity: the royal signature endorses work that is not only coherent and lucid but courageous, too. Other groups of do-gooders might well have emerged from their tours of Tower Hamlets estates to join the ranks of the collectivists who would bundle up the nation's housing problems in an indigestible lump of extra public spending. But this group kept its wits, and its eyes fixed on the long-term goal of maximizing private investment in housing. The knee-jerk condemnation of their findings issued yesterday by Shelter testified to their independence of spirit.

The headlines today feature the report's proposals for the future of mortgage tax relief, that Maginot line of the Prime Minister's fiscal conservatism. But its essence is elsewhere, on the supply side. In conditions of scarcity, with finite public provision, how to increase housing investment? The answer in large measure is to multiply opportunities for the owners of property and for the owners of capital to make a reasonable return in the housing market; the report discusses a clever and imaginative set of devices. Eventually, market-clearing rent levels might be freely set. Until then the *Inquiry into British Housing's* programme for rents based on indexed capital values using the existing rent officer apparatus is an intriguing first phase.

Yes, rents will rise. Even-handedness between tenures is a keynote of the report and capital-based rents will entail increases also in the public sector. The report does two things. It emphasizes that housing supply depends on a better return so such increases are inescapable. It recognizes that fairer rents will require additional state assistance with housing costs. The solution is to redistribute existing pots of public money to ensure they support only those in need, and they support rather than remove from low-income individuals and families the entire cost of housing.

Mortgage tax relief must enter such calculations. Here is £2½ billion of unprincipled and open-ended subsidy, a hand-out to the least needy. To seize on this sum should not be seen as some wild act of income redistribution. The cogency of this report lies in its careful explanation of how such a redirection of existing state largesse could so much more efficiently secure the purposes of housing supply; if the object of the state is the enhanced provision of rooms, bricks and mortar to shelter individuals and families, it could be achieved so much more effectively than at present.

The report has much to say about the organization and finance of council housing. It does not pretend – no one with any familiarity with housing conditions could – that the state can emancipate itself from a major role in the nation's shelter. But that role certainly need not take the form of monolithic council estates and huge renewal programmes.

The message here, the reason why this suggestive piece of work deserves the broadest and fullest attention, is about the regeneration of housing in a capitalist society, the mobilization of private capital, energy and enterprise for the work of refurbishment and new building now necessary. The inquiry group included leaders of building societies; its ambition is to unlock the funds of the societies and financial institutions by making housing investment once more a worthwhile proposition. Even jaded ministers should be propelled into looking again at the rather threadbare garment which is current housing policy.

PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES

The recent acquittals, dropping of charges, plea-bargaining, and binding over of miners in South Yorkshire have highlighted the urgent need to reform our outdated and ill-defined public order offences of riot, unlawful assembly, and affray. The cases have also demonstrated just how important it is for the prosecuting authorities not to go for serious charges, when a lesser offence would be more appropriate.

During the "Coal House" trial, which ended a week ago last Monday with the acquittal of all the accused, defence counsel made much of the fact that the pickets were first charged with "unlawful assembly" but weeks later were charged with the more serious offence of "riot". At no stage during the trial was it made clear who had taken that fatal and misguided decision. The immediate result was to allow the defence to argue with conviction, and it seems with some success, that the accused were "scapegoats" caught up in a political or "show trial".

By unnecessarily raising the stakes and opting for the more serious charges against the picketing miners, the South Yorkshire police left themselves exposed to the "show trial" accusation but it also made their task of gathering and producing conclusive evidence far more difficult. As in all such cases, the problem with public order trials is that the police's overwhelming concern at the time of the incident is to contain the situation and restore order when they may be confronted by up to 10,000 noisy, and in some cases, violent pickets. Collecting evidence for subsequent prosecutions is of secondary concern in such a highly charged atmosphere. If the prosecuting authorities then decide to bring "deterrent" charges against pickets in order to warn off others, the police and the support units may feel under pressure to give evidence to help an unnatural prosecution case. That leaves them vulnerable to skilled cross-examination.

These recent cases demonstrate just how important it is that the Government press ahead with its plans to reform the old common law offences of riot, unlawful assembly, and affray. In May of this year the Government produced its Review of Public Order Law and accepted the Law Commission findings that the old common law offences should be replaced with new statutory offences of "riot", "violent disorder", "affray" and "threatening behaviour".

Central to the Government's proposals was the tightening-up of the definition of "riot" so that it "should be reserved for the most serious occasions of violent disorder by a substantial number of persons". Under the Government's proposals "riot" would require a minimum of 12 people – not 3 as under the present common law offence – and the Crown would have to prove that each defendant had used unlawful violence either to property or people.

The net result of this and other reforms would make the new offence of "violent disorder" the normal charge for serious outbreaks of public disorder and in particular would arm the police with a useful new offence with which to charge missile throwers at football matches and elsewhere. But while the police would be better equipped to deal with certain types of hooliganism and other thoroughly anti-social behaviour, the prosecuting authorities would have to think long and hard before charging people with the really serious offence of "riot". That would be reserved for the extreme cases of rioting and looting such as those which took place in Brixton and Toxteth during the long hot summer of 1981.

The new Crown Prosecution Service which will come into effect next year should ease the current situation as the new independent Crown Prosecutor will act as a useful filter in preventing the police bringing unnecessarily severe charges against people who should more appropriately be charged with a lesser offence. By introducing a more dispassionate prosecuting system it may also be possible to avoid the incredible waste of public money when mass trials come to an abrupt halt after 48 days when the Crown decides not to proceed with its case. Under the new system the police will have no right to press ahead with a prosecution come what may. More importantly, the person who makes the ultimate decision whether to drop charges or proceed with more serious offences will be readily indentifiable and therefore answerable for a particular policy decision.

COMRADES OF THE IRA

In the recent exchange between Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, and the IRA the latter sought to convince the outside world that it harboured no intention to set up a Marxist state in Ireland should it ever gain power. The IRA was obviously stung by Mr Brittan's accusations, particularly since they were made before an American audience. The IRA knows that if its Marxist character is too widely known in the United States, a major source of funds will dry up.

What the IRA says for public consumption, however, is completely at variance with what it says to its own friends and allies on the extreme left. As Mr Gerry Adams, the Provisional Sinn Fein member for Belfast West, said at his party's 79th annual conference in Dublin, Ireland had been partitioned not just to preserve British rule in the north but to maintain capitalism, which he described as an evil social and economic system which the IRA was dedicated to destroy by providing a revolutionary alternative in the class struggle. Another of his colleagues in Sinn Fein, Mr Danny Morrison, when asked in *Marxism Today* whether or not he would regard the IRA's task as finished in the event of a united Ireland remaining capitalist, said: "Oh no, no, no. We are committed to the establishment of a democratic socialist republic. . . . Because of the nature of this phase of the struggle there is not a great deal of emphasis laid on socialism." So now we know.

The worrying part of this revolutionary Marxist orientation is that the IRA also maintains a close affinity with hard left elements of the Labour Party. The journal *London Labour Briefing*, which has been sponsored by Mr Ken Livingstone, openly regretted that the Brighton bombing had not been more effective. Mr Adams and Mr Morrison have frequent contacts with left-wing Labour MPs. The Labour Committee on Ireland contains a number of members who associate themselves fully with the Irish Freedom Movement. Indeed when this Movement, which is well known to be a front of the Revolutionary Communist Party, applied to the Sheffield City Council to hold a rally in the city hall to commemorate "Bloody Sunday", and permission was subsequently withdrawn when one of the organizers expressed his support for the Harrods' bombing, Labour members protested against the ban.

Mr Enoch Powell, in a speech earlier this month, alleged that Irish Republican terrorists reached safety when they crossed the frontier and that they would continue to be able to perpetrate terrorist acts in the United Kingdom so long as they had a "safe haven" in the Irish Republic. It is on these grounds that he and his colleagues question what he calls "the chatter about security co-operation with Dublin" since he maintains that the terrorism carried out from the Irish Republic against citizens in the United Kingdom "is guaranteed by the Irish Republic's irredentist claim to the possession of British territory". However he fails to mention the contradiction involved in the attitude to the IRA of the two governments in London and Dublin. The organization is proscribed in the Republic, whereas Mrs Thatcher only the other day declined to apply similar rules to the IRA in the United Kingdom.

Such lack of consistency toward the IRA by the two governments who are most threatened by it enables the IRA to exploit the doubts in many people's minds about whether it is simply an Irish Republican movement at heart, or is motivated by the common theme which can be found now in so much international terrorism – the language of revolutionary Marxist violence. Whatever front it maintains through its publicity organs cannot disguise the fact that when members of the IRA speak to their own people, their revolutionary Marxist roots are fully exposed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No room at inns for outsiders?

From Mr J. H. J. Lewis

Sir, Comment on the proposed takeover of the Savoy Group by Trusthouse Forte has hitherto been restricted to comparison of the respective companies and the personalities involved.

In the 1985 *Lucas Guide*, Egon Ronay provides the following details of his top 10 rated London de luxe hotels:

Hotel	Number of Rooms
Dorchester	285
Berkeley	159
Claridge's	205
Connaught Hotel	90
Inn on the Park	228
The Ritz	144
Hyatt Carlton Tower	228
The Savoy	202
Grosvenor House	472
Howard Hotel	134

Of these, THF currently controls 472 and the Savoy Group 656. The two groups together would control 1,128 (i.e., 53 per cent).

It is no accident that these hotels are situated within a fairly small but defined central London area, as it is largely because of their location, which is insisted upon by those visitors who can afford the highest room rates, that they are able to budget for staff/guest ratios, services and facilities which no hotel not similarly positioned would risk the cost of providing.

For various reasons there seems little likelihood in the foreseeable future of the bedroom capacity in this area being materially increased, so that if THF succeeds in its ambition it will have secured for itself, at one stroke, a dominant position at the top end of the market.

As a director of a company which is particularly interested in hotels out of London I am prompted to ask whether this would be a desirable state of affairs.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. J. LEWIS,
52 Lower Sloane Street, SW1.
July 19.

Lost opportunities

From Mr Walter Goldsmith

Sir, While Lord Young waxes lyrical in his report (July 23) on the "business of tourism", the Government remains astonishingly short-sighted in its approach to the promotion of this vital industry.

The Government continues to cut, year by year, the amount of money available to the "export department" of British tourism, the British Tourist Authority.

We have estimated that, with an additional £5m made available to the BTA for overseas promotion, we could generate an advertising programme of £15m by securing the co-operation of commercial interests, both in this country and overseas.

We believe that this would result in an additional £250m of incoming tourism revenue, lead to the creation of 10,000 additional new jobs and produce over £30m in VAT for the Exchequer.

I am all in favour of reducing public spending where possible, but to lose the opportunity of making money for the country and creating jobs at such a rate makes no sense.

Yours faithfully,
WALTER GOLDSMITH (member, British Tourist Authority),
86 Park Lane, W1.
July 23.

Seeking sanctuary

From Mr B. L. Thorne

Sir, Now that tourism is so much in the public eye I hope that the contributions made by this building, or rather by its front steps, will not be overlooked.

Being next to the Westminster Abbey Bookshop our steps are a Mecca for all weary, languid and some distressed feet. We like to think that throughout the world there are many posteriors that abode their hour or two and went their way.

Yours faithfully,
B. L. THORNE,
Lee Bolton & Lee,
1 The Sanctuary,
Westminster, SW1.
July 23.

UK salmon stocks

From Mr P. C. Machen

Sir, As a member, until recently, of the Northumberland Sea Fisheries Committee I should like to ask your readers to take a rather broader view than that advanced by the President of the Atlantic Salmon Trust and others (July 17), who called for the banning of all salmon drift netting off the coasts of England and Wales.

Drift netting has traditionally been carried out off the north-east coast of England for many years and it provides a livelihood for the limited number of fishermen who are licensed by the appropriate water authority. Your correspondents call for this industry to be closed in order that more salmon may return to Scottish rivers. The Atlantic Salmon Trust has lobbied this case for some time, but why should an industry be closed in order to increase the numbers available to the rod?

Your correspondents state that HM Government has taken little action. Surely, the unfairness of their case is one reason why HMG should not accept their argument. If conservation of salmon were proved to be necessary then let conservation measures be applied with fairness, rather than by banning a traditional industry.

Yours faithfully,
P. C. MACHEN,
Glantlees House,
Embleton,
Alnwick,
Northumberland.

Arithmetic of abolishing apartheid

From Mr F. A. M. Cousins

Sir, Your leader (July 23) is both well balanced and informative, though perhaps it could have gone further. My recent 13 years in South Africa have convinced me that the one man, one vote urged by some protagonists (e.g., Dr Huddleston, Bishop Tutu) would lead to economic and social disaster. The black man is not yet ready, although the South African Government is straining its utmost to produce an educated middle-class African. This must take time.

If we do not cease sanction rattling and selective propaganda we may be participating in the fall of the last bastion of democracy in Africa. If this happens all would lose – blacks, Afrikaners, and the million or so British who live in South Africa.

Yours faithfully
F. A. M. COUSINS,
4 Grosvenor Mansions,
Broad Walk,
Buxton,
Derbyshire.
July 23

From Mrs Hazel Cooper

Sir, Following Mr Botha's declaration of a "state of emergency" in South Africa, which in practice seems to mean a withdrawal of all human rights for the black South Africans, can we in this country really pass by on the other side and do absolutely nothing?

Surely now, at the very least, on a national level we must push for economic sanctions and complete withdrawal of all investment in South Africa and on a personal level each and every one of us must refuse to buy South African goods in our shops.

If we do not attempt to bring any pressure to bear on the South African Government at all, as at the time of the withdrawal of human rights from the Jews in Hitler's Germany, we are once again standing on the sidelines as others of our race (the human race) are forced even further into inhuman subjugation.

Yours faithfully,
HAZEL COOPER,
27 Mills Spur,
Old Windsor,
Berkshire.
July 22.

From Mr Murray Forsyth

Sir, Your leading report today (July 23) tells us that the EEC foreign ministers have issued an agreed statement saying that the state of emergency in South Africa "must be brought to an end and all those held under its provisions released". Presumably this means now, forthwith, without delay.

The EEC, in other words, questions the sovereign right of the South African Government to decide when there is an emergency situation within the bounds of the South African State.

A few lines further on we are told that the EEC foreign ministers also want to see a dialogue started over Namibia based on "respect for the territorial integrity of all countries in the area and the principle of non-interference in their internal affairs". In other words, we can interfere when we want in South Africa's internal affairs, but South Africa must not interfere in anybody else's.

Would it not be better to drop all cant about political principles in this context, and to recognize clearly what we are doing, namely indulging our own apparently limitless assumption of moral superiority?

Yours faithfully,
MURRAY FORSYTH,
16 Woodstock Close,
Oxford.
July 23

From Mr Richard Blackford

Sir, Following the state of emergency in South Africa the issue is not merely the abolition of apartheid but the cost in human suffering necessary for that abolition.

Much has been spoken in the past days about the justification of the use of violence in response to a violent and oppressive regime. It is appropriate to remind ourselves also of the efficacy and potential of non-violent social change, exemplified by the civil rights leader Martin Luther King, who, like Bishop Tutu, was honoured with the Nobel Peace Prize.

Violence as a way of achieving racial justice is both impractical and immoral. It is impractical because it is a descending spiral ending in destruction for all. The old law of an eye for an eye leaves everybody blind. It is immoral because it seeks to humiliate the opponent rather than win his understanding; it seeks to annihilate rather than to convert.

Violence is immoral because it thrives on hatred rather than love. It destroys community and makes brotherhood impossible. It leaves society in monologue rather than dialogue. Violence ends by defeating itself. It creates bitterness in the survivors and brutality in the destroyers.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BLACKFORD,
5 Norfolk Mansions,
Prince of Wales Drive, SW11.
July 24.

Peacock review

From the President of the Writers' Guild of Great Britain and others

Sir, Many of the institutions and individuals who contemplate submitting evidence to the Peacock committee may have failed to appreciate the political subtlety of the committee's terms of reference. Although Professor Alan Peacock and his associates were brought together ostensibly as a "committee to review the financing of the BBC", in fact the only options their brief allows them to identify are *alternative* means of financing the BBC other than through the licence fee.

However strong may be the support for the broadcasting receiving licence (despite its problems of collection and evasion) remaining the sole source of funding for the BBC, the Peacock committee can take note of this support only in the wider context of its remit to assess the effects of funding the BBC through advertising, sponsorship or subscription and, as the terms of reference have it, "consider any proposals for securing income from the consumer *other than through the licence fee*"; it cannot consider a retention of the present licence fee structure as one identifiable option.

The inference must be that when the Home Secretary comes to present to Parliament the Government's intentions for the future funding of the corporation, he will have to aid (if not to influence) his decision an ample supply of evidence on the advantages of alternative funding systems, in particular of advertising, but no similar guidelines for retaining the licence fee funding, now that the Government has, in the words of Professor Peacock, "called into question" the unequivocal recommendations of the 1977 committee chaired by Lord Annan.

We, the undersigned officers and members of the Writers' Guild of Great Britain, representing 1,500 writers in films, television, radio, publishing and the theatre, now call on the Home Secretary to allow the Peacock committee, which is not as we understand it required to make recommendations, legitimately to take evidence as to the "benefits/disbenefits" of licence fee funding so that such evidence may be given equal weight with that of other options in the committee's report.

Yours faithfully,

BILL CRAIG,
President
JOHN GOLDSMITH
Chairman,
JOHN BOWEN
BRIGID BROPHY
PATRICK CAMPBELL
T. E. B. CLARKE,
IAN CURTEIS,
MAUREEN DUFFY
WILFRED GREATOREX,
WILLIS HALL,
ROBERT HEWISON,
GERALD KELSEY,
NIGEL KNEALE,
MIKE LEIGH,
PHILIP MACKIE,
SPIKE MILLIGAN,
FRANK MUIR,
PETER NICHOLS,
DENIS NORDEN,
ALAN PLATER,
DICK SHARPLES,
ROSEMARY ANNE SISSON,
DON TAYLOR,
TED WILLIS

The Writers' Guild of Great Britain,
430 Edgware Road, W2.
July 21.

Changing flight times

From the Chairman of the Air Transport Users' Committee

Sir, The Air Transport Users' Committee is deeply concerned about severe problems, some reported in your columns recently, being caused to many inclusive-tour air passengers as a result of changes in flight timings, and even departure and arrival airports, at a late stage before the planned date of departure.

While we recognise that some consolidation of flights may be necessary, and that this year is proving to be particularly difficult in this respect for a number of reasons, the committee is urging the tour operators and organisers to take all possible steps to minimise the problems.

If consolidations have to be made, we believe the tour operators and organisers have a direct responsibility to do this and to compensate their customers for the inconvenience and disruption caused to their plans.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN DUFF of MELDRUM,
Chairman,
Air Transport Users' Committee,
129 Kingsway, WC2.
July 18.

Tax on capital assets

From Mr Victor Mayes

Sir, I was dismayed to read (report, July 15) that the SDP proposes that the sale of capital assets should be taxed as income.

I am an unemployed engineer, aged 58, with no income, not even from unemployment benefit, and accordingly I am having to live on the gradual realization (at a substantial loss, due to the recession) of assets purchased from earned income when I was employed.

That money, as it was earned (and like most people of modest social origins I have very little that did not reach me via a wage packet), was taxed as income at an average of about 40 per cent). Now it is to be taxed as "income" a second time.

I had intended to vote Alliance at the next election, but now I dare not.

Yours sincerely,
VICTOR MAYES,
8 Norford Way,
Bamford,
Rochdale,
Lancashire.
July 17.

An error confessed

From the Reverend Peter L. Holliday

Sir, In the dispute over top people's pay you report (July 24) the Prime Minister as declaring that Dr Owen deserves "to be treated with utter contempt" because he had changed his mind since being Foreign Secretary in 1978.

Whatever the rights or wrongs of these recent increases, we might just be a happier nation if more people were prepared to admit to past mistakes. It is regrettable that anyone, let alone the Prime Minister, should use such intemperate language when someone has the courage to admit the errors of their ways.

Yours faithfully,
PETER L. HOLLIDAY,
Christ Church Vicarage,
Moor Street,
Burton upon Trent,
Staffordshire.
July 24.

ON THIS DAY

JULY 26 1909

An epoch-making flight by Louis Blériot (1872-1936), who landed near Dover on July 25 in his 25 horsepower monoplane. In 1909 (until 1922) the Daily Mail *and* The Times *had the same owner - Lord Northcliffe.*

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THE CROSS-CHANNEL FLIGHT ACCOMPLISHED.

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M. BLÉRIOT'S OWN ACCOUNT.

By the courtesy of the *Daily Mail* we print M. Blériot's own account of his flight across the Channel.

"DOVER, Sunday.

"It is more important to be the first to cross the Channel by aeroplane than to have won a prize of £1,000. Nevertheless, I must first acknowledge the enterprise of the *Daily Mail* and its recognition of the importance of aviation in the offer of the prize which I have had the honour to win. . . .

"At 2 30 this morning I rose at the Terminus Hotel, at Calais, and at 3 o'clock departed with my friend M. Le Blanc in a motor-car to Baraques. On our way we noted that the weather was favourable to my endeavour. We therefore ordered the torpedo destroyer Escopette, generously placed at my disposal by our Government, to start. At 3 30 a.m. we went to the garage and examined the engine and found that it worked well. All was ready for the start. . . .

"At 4 30 we could see all round. Daylight had come. M. Le Blanc endeavoured to see the coast of England, but could not. A light breeze from the south-west was blowing. The air was clear. Everything was prepared. I was dressed as I am at this moment, a 'khaki' jacket lined with wool for warmth over my tweed clothes and beneath my engineer's suit of blue cotton overalls. My close-fitting cap was fastened over my head and ears. I had neither eaten nor drunk anything since I rose. My thoughts were only upon the flight, and my determination to accomplish it this morning. 4 35! Tout est prêt! Le Blanc gives the signal and in an instant I am in the air, my engine making 1,200 revolutions – almost it highest speed – in order that I may get quickly over the telegraph wires along the edge of the cliff. As soon as I am over the cliff I reduce my speed. There is now no need to force my engine.

"I begin my flight, steady and sure, towards the coast of England. I have no apprehensions, no sensations, pas du tout. The Escopette has seen me. She is driving ahead at full speed. She makes perhaps 42 kilometres (about 26 miles) an hour. What matters? I am making at least 68 kilometres (42½ miles). Rapidly I overtake her, travelling at a height of 80 metres (about 250ft.). The moment is supreme, yet I surprise myself by feeling no exultation. Below me is the sea, the surface disturbed by the wind, which is now freshening. The motion of the waves beneath me is not pleasant. I drive on. Ten minutes have gone. I have passed the destroyer, and I turn my head to see whether I am proceeding in the right direction. I am amazed. There is nothing to be seen, neither the torpedo-destroyer, nor France, nor England. I am alone. I can see nothing at all – *Rien du tout*! For ten minutes I am lost. It is a strange position to be alone, unguided, without compass, in the air over the middle of the Channel. I touch nothing. My hands and feet rest lightly on the levers. I let the aeroplane take its own course. I care not whither it goes. For ten minutes I continue, neither rising nor falling, nor turning. And then, 20 minutes after I have left the French coast, I see the green cliffs of Dover, the Castle, and away to the west the spot where I had intended to land. What can I do? It is evident that the wind has taken me out of my course. I am almost at St. Margaret's Bay and going in the direction of the Goodwin Sands.

Now it is time to attend to the steering. I press the lever with my foot and turn easily towards the west, reversing the direction in which I am travelling. Now, indeed, I am in difficulties, for the wind here by the cliffs is much stronger, and my speed is reduced as I fight against it. Yet my beautiful aeroplane responds. Still steadily I fly westwards, hoping to cross the harbour and reach the Shakespeare Cliff. Again the wind blows. I see an opening in the cliff. Although I am confident that I can continue for an hour and a half, that I might indeed return to Calais, I cannot resist the opportunity to make a landing upon this green spot. Once more I turn my aeroplane, and, describing a half-circle I enter the opening and find myself again over dry land. Avoiding the red buildings on my right, I attempt a landing; but the wind catches me and whirls me round two or three times. At once I stop my motor, and instantly my machine falls straight upon the land from a height of 20 metres (65ft.). In two or three seconds I am safe upon your shore. Soldiers in khaki run up, and a policeman. Two of my compatriots are on the spot. They kiss my cheeks. The conclusion of my flight overwhelms me. . . .

Amnesty in Turkey

From Dr Edward Timms

Sir, Edward Mortimer's excellent article on Turkey (July 18) pinpoints the contradictions underlying the present quasi-democratic regime. How can military courts continue to imprison people for having conspired to subvert the Constitution when it is the military themselves who have overthrown that Constitution (and replaced it by one decidedly less democratic)?

Surely it is time for a wide-ranging amnesty in Turkey, together with democratic reforms that will align the country more closely with the European Community.

Yours sincerely,
EDWARD TIMMS,
Gonville and Caius College,
Cambridge.
July 18.

An awkward fruit

From Mr C. R. Lear

Sir, The Reverend E. J. Elwin has omitted from his list (July 19) the only civilized technique available. Cut the orange in half equatorially, loosen the segments with a fruit knife, and eat it with a teaspoon, like a grapefruit.

Yours truly,
C. R. LEAR,
84 Elmhurst Road,
Reading, Berkshire.
July 19.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 25: The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal 22e Regiment, this morning received Brigadier General Pierre Seneca1 who presented to Her Majesty a pewter statuette of the Regimental Mascot with the Goat Major.

The Prime Minister of Barbados (Hon Bernard St. John) had the honour of being received by the Queen.

His Excellency Ratu Josua Brown Toganivalu and Mrs Toganivalu were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Fiji in London.

Mr R. D. Clift (British High Commissioner to the Reublic of Sierra Leone) and Mrs Clift had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon in the Garden of Buckingham Palace presented a new Standard to The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard on the occasion of its Quincentenary.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the Earl of Swinton (Captain), and the Body Guard received The Queen with a Royal Salute.

Colonel Sir Hugh Brassey (Lieutenant), Colonel Alan Pemberton (Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant), Major Bruce Shand (Ensign) and Colonel Greville Tufnell (Exon) were present on duty.

After the presentation, The Queen was graciously pleased to address the Body Guard and the Lieutenant replied.

The Body Guard gave three cheers for Her Majesty and marched past.

The Band of the Scots Guards and the Corps of Drums of the 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards were on parade.

Subsequently, Her Majesty entertained the Body Guard and their families to tea.

The Hon Mary Morrison, Sir William Heseltine and Major Hugh Lindsay were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chairman of the National Federation of Housing Association's Inquiry into British Housing, this morning chaired the launch of the Inquiry's Report, at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, WC2.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 25: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this afternoon at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court.

Lady Angela Oswald, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain James Lowther-Pinkerton were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 25: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, concluded a four-day visit to Duchy property in the Western District today.

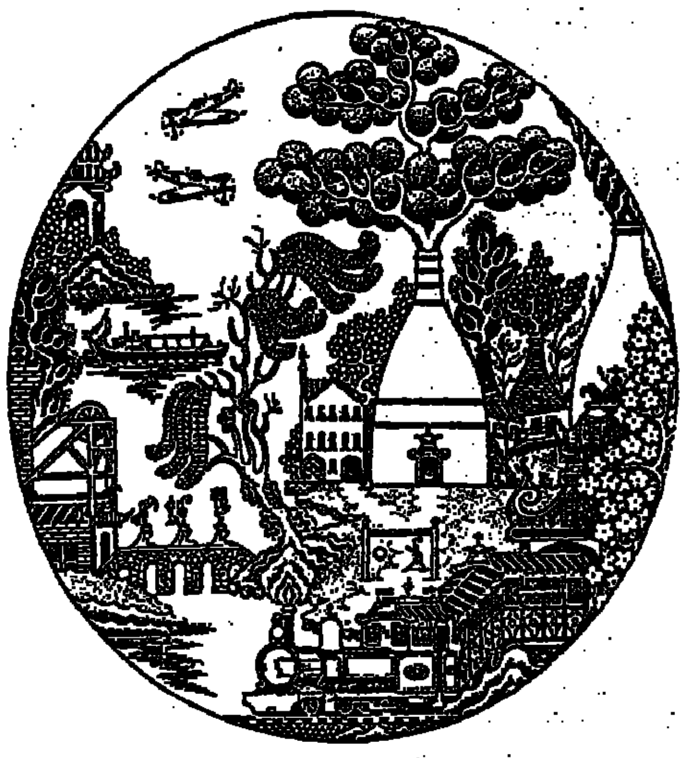
Mr John Higgs was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales visited the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines, Lympstone, nr Exmouth, Devon today.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 25: The Duke of Gloucester today received Mr C. W. Shelford on relinquishing the appointment of Chairman of the Pestalozzi Children's Village Trust and Mr R Butler on assuming the appointment.

A memorial service for Sir Desmond Bonham-Carter will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, at noon today.



The design for a commemorative plate being produced by *the Gladstone pottery museum in Stoke on Trent*, which incorporates Spitfire fighter aircraft, pottery kilns, steam trains, canal barges and coal mines in a Chinese willow-pattern style.

The Spitfires commemorate Reg Mitchell, the designer of the plane, who was born and educated in Stoke.

The plates were designed by Mr Peter Brears to "symbolize the industries and quality of Stoke and North Staffordshire".

Marriages

Mr E. Collier and Miss J. Holt

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 20, at Christ Church, Oxford, of Mr Edward Collier and Miss Jane Holt. The Rev R. H. Lloyd officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Sally Holt, Miss Lucy Holt and Miss Jennifer Broad. Mr Richard Emerton was best man.

A reception was held at Old Whitehill, Tackley, the home of the bride.

Mr B. M. H. H. Harwood and Miss C. S. Hewett

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 20, at St Andrew's Church, Mells, Somerset, of Mr Benjamin Harwood, only son of Commander and Mrs Henry Harwood, of Wellclose House, Bradford-on-Avon, and Miss Catherine Hewett, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Hewett, of Clavey's Farm, Mells.

Canon C. N. Wardle-Harper officiated, assisted by Mgr George Pitt and the Reverend Donald Pritchard.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Bridget Hewett, and her cousin, Miss Amber Hewett. Mr Julian Bacon was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Captain P. J. Lawson and Miss B. Garnham

The Bishop of Rochester officiated at the marriage on Saturday, July 20, at St Margaret's Church, Bethersden, of Captain Piers James Lawson, The Royal Hussars (PWO), and Miss Belinda Garnham.

The bride was attended by Miss Emily Garnham, Samantha, Emma and Hetty Burnell, Edward East and Phillip Kaye. Captain Timothy Allen, The Royal Hussars (PWO), was best man.

Dr T. G. Maxwell and Dr R. C. Sutherland

The marriage took place on July 20, 1985, in the Chapel of Clifton College, Bristol, of Dr Thomas Gray Maxwell, younger son of the late Dr and Mrs I. L. Maxwell, of Bristol, and Dr Ruth Campbell Sutherland, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs I. B. Sutherland, of Edinburgh. The Rev Peter Adams officiated, assisted by the Rev Stuart Taylor.

Mr J. C. H. Stevens and Miss A. L. G. Boardman

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 20, at the Parish Church of Layer de la Haye, of Mr Julian Charles Hamilton Stevens, of Flax Bourton, Avon, and Miss Alexandra Louise Gail Boardman, of Layer de la Haye, Essex.

The bride was attended by Miss Fiona Coulthurst and Jonathan Stubbings. Mr Mark Mangham was best man.

A reception was held at Wivenhoe Park.

Birthdays today

Sir Peter Carey, 62; Mr Vitas Gerulaitis, 31; the Right Rev W. P. Gilpin, 83; Mr Mick Jagger, 42; Miss Barbara Jefford, 55; Dr John Kilgour, 61; Mr Stanley Kubrick, 57; Sir Richard Miller, 81; Mrs Sally Oppenheim-Barnes, MP, 55; Sir Frank Price, 63; Sir Derek Riches, 73; Miss Bernice Rubens, 57; Professor Sir John Stallworthy, 79; Lord Thorneycroft, CH, 76; Mr M. H. W. Wells, 58.

Clifton College

Dr William Baker, Senior Lecturer in English at West Midlands College of Higher Education, has been appointed Housemaster of Polack's House with effect from September 1, 1986, in succession to Dr Cyril Hershon.

Latest wills

Mr Eric James **Bird**, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £1,167,096 net. He died intestate.

Forthcoming marriages

Viscount Tarbat and Miss J. C. Harley

The engagement is announced between John Ruaridh Grant, only son of the Earl of Cromartie and Olga Viscountess Tarbat, and Janet Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher J. Harley.

Captain A. J. Stormonth Darling and Miss G. Menzies-Wilson

The engagement is announced between Angus John Stormonth Darling, the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, son of Sir James and Lady Stormonth Darling, of Dirleton, East Lothian, and Gillian Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. N. Menzies-Wilson, of Old, Northamptonshire.

Mr M. D. H. Peters and Miss K. G. Sinclair

The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Noel Peters, of Bayview, Sydney, Australia, and Katharine Georgiana, youngest daughter of Sir George Sinclair, of Carlton Rookery, Saxmundham, Suffolk, and the late Lady (Jane) Sinclair.

Mr N. D. G. Brown and Miss V. M. Clancy

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Dr and Mrs David A Brown, of La Cometa, Moraira, Spain, and Victoria, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Clancy, of Bowerchalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr N. R. Trott and Miss S. D. E. Tucker

The engagement is announced between Reeve, son of the late Francis N. Trott, and Mrs Trott, of Smiths Parish, Bermuda, and Sheena, eldest daughter of Mr William F. E. Tucker of Toronto, Canada, and Mrs Diana Tucker, of Baileys Bay, Bermuda.

Mr G. Blyth and Miss R. Bata

The engagement is announced between Graham (Sam) Blyth of Toronto, Canada, son of the late Colonel David Blyth, RCA, and the Rev Patricia Blyth, of Ottawa, and Rosemarie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas J. Bata, of Toronto.

Mr R. M. S. Hepburn and Miss D. Henderson

The engagement is announced between Ronald, son of the late Group Captain W. D. S. Hepburn, MD, and Mrs J. D. Hepburn, of Fulham, London, and Dana, eldest child of Mr and Mrs H. P. Henderson, of Belgravia, London.

Mr C. H. Hobday and Miss S. J. M. Harris-St John

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of the late Mr D. H. Hobday and of Mrs D. Strong, of Borgue, Kircudbrightshire, and Susan, daughter of Major and Mrs B. J. Harris-St John, of Fleet, Hampshire.

Mr P. A. Jordan and Miss J. J. MacQuisten

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Dr and Mrs A. J. Jordan, of 43 Oakleigh Avenue, Whetstone, London, N20, and Judy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs P. MacQuisten, of Owleshayes, Aylesbeare, Devon.

Mr R. T. Durant-Pritchard and Miss A. M. Clark

The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Mrs Jean Mary Pritchard, of Ashington, West Sussex, and Anne, younger daughter of the late Mr George Clark and Mrs George Clark, of Pyrford, Surrey.

Dr T. J. Malpas and Miss G. J. White

The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Professor and Mrs James Malpas, of Kennington, London, and Genevieve, youngest daughter of the late Mr Paul White and of Mrs Beryl White, of Guildford, Surrey.

Dr P. J. Halstead and Dr H. E. Gimson

The engagement is announced between Peter James, son of Mr and Mrs E. T. Halstead, of Solihull, and Hilary Edith, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Gimson, of Orchard House, St Albans.

Mr A. I. McWilliam and Miss B. E. Phillips

The engagement is announced between Alastair Iain, elder son of Mr and Mrs I. G. McWilliam, of Cardiff, and Belinda Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. F. Phillips, of Edinburgh and Muscat.

Mr R. M. Manwaring-White and Miss S. P. T. Walker

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Richard L. Manwaring-White, of Maidenhead, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. J. T. Walker, of London, SW14.

Dr R. Reeve and Dr K. Bryant

The engagement is announced between, Robert, son of Mr and Mrs G. E. Reeve, of 7 Wellsie Lane, Rothley, Leicestershire, and Kathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. R. Bryant, of 18 Maldon Road, Wallington, Surrey.

Mr K. Teschabai and Miss P. L. Dixon

The engagement is announced between Kurt, elder son of Mrs Annemarie Jabbusch, of Bad Essen, West Germany, and Lucy, daughter of Dr and Mrs J. E. R. Dixon, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Winnington was christened Sophia Rose by the Rev Leslie Harman in The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy on Tuesday, July 23. The godparents are Mr Tristan Bailey, Mr James Calvocoressi, the Hon Mrs Olivier Debarge, Mrs Rupert Watson and Miss Millie Dayton.

Luncheons

HM Government

Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at Lancaster House, at a luncheon given in honour of the Bolivian Chargé d'Affaires, Senor Licenciado Carlos Quintanilla.

Viscount Montgomery of Alamein entertained the Anglo-Peruvian Society at a reception in the House of Lords yesterday to celebrate the Independence Day of Peru (July 28) and to bed farewell to the Peruvian Ambassador.

British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce

Mr Paul Channon, Minister of State for Trade, was the guest speaker at the members' luncheon of the British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at the Connaught Rooms. Sir John Mayhew-Sanders presided and those present included the Soviet Ambassador.

Reception

Pakistan Lawn Tennis Veterans' Association

Mr Ahmed Jaffer, President of the Pakistan Lawn Tennis Veterans' Association, gave a reception yesterday evening to meet Mr Salim Saifullah Khan, Minister of Commerce and Petroleum, Pakistan.

Dinners

Sir Peter Hordern, MP

The Earl of Limerick, Chairman of British Invisible Exports Council, was present at a dinner held yesterday at the House of Commons given to the Chairman of House of Fraser, Professor Roland Smith, the Chairman of Harrods, Mr Aleck Craddock, and the Directors of Harrods, to celebrate the award of the Queen's Award for Export to Harrods. Sir Peter Hordern, MP, was the host.

Royal College of Pathologists

After a meeting of the Council of the Royal College of Pathologists yesterday the President of the college, Professor Barbara Clayton, entertained the officers, members of council and college members and their guests at a house dinner at 2, Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1.

North Housing Association

Mr Peter Wrightson, chairman, presided at a dinner given last night at Boodle's by North Housing Association to mark their golden jubilee. Those present included:

Mr Ian Gow, Minister for Housing and Construction, Sir Hugh Cubitt, chairman, The Housing Corporation, Sir Peter Harrop, Second Permanent Secretary, Department of the Environment, Mr David Edmonds, chief executive, The Housing Corporation, Mr Lewis Mitchell, regional director, The Housing Corporation, Mr Barry Nation, chairman, National Federation of Housing Associations, Mr Richard Best, director, National Federation of Housing Associations, Mr Keith Parkinson, president, The Institute of Housing, Mr Peter Williams, assistant director, The Institute of Housing, Mr John Sutcliffe, chairman designate, North Housing Association, Mr Garry Philipson, Committee of Management, North Housing Association, Mr Ormond Holliday, Committee of Management, North Housing Association, Mr Alan Kilburn, Chief Executive, North Housing Association

New chairman for Trafalgar Square contest

Professor William Whitfield has been appointed chairman of the assessors of the £30 million Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, architectural competition, in succession to Sir Hugh Wilson, who died last Friday.

Mr Alex Gordon, a past president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, has been made an assessor on the recommendation of Mr Larry Rolland, the president of the institute.

The assessors expect to elect a short list of 10 schemes from the 288 entries submitted last week

OBITUARY

VERY REV WALTER HUSSEY

Church patronage of the arts

The Very Rev Walter Hussey who died yesterday at the age of 76, was Dean of Chichester from 1955 to 1977. Over a period of forty years he had played an important role in encouraging church patronage of the arts and was responsible for commissioning a number of the most striking modern fine art objects to be enjoyed today as part of the fabric of various church buildings.

John Walter Atherton Hussey was born on May 15, 1909, the son of Canon John Bowden Hussey. From Marlborough he went to Keble and then on to Cuddesdon. He was ordained in 1932 to a title at St Mary Abbotts, Kensington, where from 1935-6 he had charge of the daughter church of St Paul.

The standards of culture and elegance which were to distinguish him throughout his life were set by such an environment to his early ministry and it was, in fact, to this same district of London that he retired in 1977, the galleries in which he delighted once more wonderfully accessible to him.

In 1937 he was appointed to the benefice of St Matthew, Northampton, where he was to remain for eighteen years. It was there that his deepest mark was made upon the life of the Church. Virtually alone he set about the revitalizing of church patronage of the arts, at one time almost a commonplace of ecclesiastical activity but long neglected. He achieved his aims, in Kenneth Clark's words, "through tenacity, courage and an exception flair for the best. If he had not been in holy orders he would have been a great impresario".

Springing out of the day, February 19, 1943, when Henry Moore's "Madonna and Child" was unveiled at St Matthew's, the list of those pressed by Hussey into the Church's service during the quarter century that followed reads like the roll-call of an artistic valhalla: Britten (he gave the address at Britten's memorial service in Westminster Abbey), Pears, Flagstad, Walton, Rubbra, Berkeley and Bernstein in music, Auden in words and supremely Moore, Sutherland, Chagall, Piper and Ceri Richards in the plastic and visual arts, together with many others.

His abilities were such as appealed strongly to Bishop George Bell, himself a patron of such artists as Hans Feibusch and T. S. Eliot, when the deanery of Chichester fell vacant. Hussey was nominated to the office in 1955 and remained, this time for twenty-two years.

During his time the cathedral was splendidly enhanced, in particular by the magnificent reredos tapestry of John Piper and by the commissioning of Marc Chagall to design a window, the theme of which is the arts to the glory of God, based on the 150th psalm.

It was however not only through the patronage of contemporary artists that Hussey added to the glory of Chihester. The striking display given to the two deeply moving 12th century wall carvings of christ at the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary is an example of his taste.

Nor did he live in the lofty world of fine art to the neglect of the cathedral's administration. Since his Northampton days Hussey had inspired other men to back up his personal convictions by the gift of money. At Chichester he carried through a successful campaign to raise large sums which ensured the cathedral's preservation as well as its enrichment.

It was as an authority on the artist's role in the service of God that his influence was most deeply felt. He served the Church in this field both formally, through the Chichester Diocesan Art Council of which he was chairman, and informally through the many individuals who sought his advice on such matters. If there was a flaw in his gifts it came about, ironically, through his setting too high a standard of excellence so that he was sometimes impatient of art and artists which were, in his opinion, of less than the best.

To be shown round the fine private collection with which he adorned his bachelor home in the Deanery was a rare delight.

He was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Sussex on his retirement in 1977.

On his death he bequeathed the greater part of his collection to the Pallant House Gallery in Chichester, and the remainder to the Northampton City Museum and Art Gallery.

MR STEPHEN KNIGHT

Stephen Knight, who died yesterday at the age of 33 was an author whose investigative writing had begun to bring him wide recognition, most notably with his recent book on the freemasons, *The Brotherhood*. He had been suffering from cancer for some time.

Born on September 26, 1951, in Hainault, Essex, he left Chigwell's West Hatch Technical High School to join the LEB as a trainee showroom salesman. Later he became a journalist and worked on several local newspapers.

It was in his books, however, that his real talent emerged. His first, *Jack the Ripper: The Final Solution* (1976) set out to prove that the Ripper murders were the result of a freemasons' plot.

His only novel was *Requiem at Rogano*, a Victorian detective story in a supernatural setting. This was followed by *The Brotherhood*, a direct result of his investigation into freemasonary for his book on Jack the Ripper. With its many allegations, among them that the KGB had infiltrated masonry, it caused a sensation when it was published.

His last book, *The Killing of Justice Godfrey*, also published in 1984, was another piece of investigative work.

After his marriage ended in divorce, Knight became a Sannyasin in 1983, one of the followers of the religious leader Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, later changing his name to Swami Puja Debal.

He leaves a daughter, Nanouska.

MR GERARD HARRINGTON

Mr Gerard Harrington, who died in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, on July 5 at the age of 83, was director of publicity of the British War Relief Society, founded in the United States in 1940. As such, he played a major part in raising some $60 *million for British victims*, of bombing raids during the Second World War.

Born in Brookline, Massachusetts, on October 16, 1901, Harrington was a journalist who had worked for several different papers when he was approached to take on the publicity job. His function was to make the British War Relief Society better known, and in this he was eminently successfully.

He and his staff, many of them prominent members of New York society, arranged to have articles written in newspapers across the United States. They also arranged for donated time on the main radio networks, and persuaded stars from Broadway, Hollywood and the radio to volunteer time for the programme.

During his time as director of publicity, the number of chapters of the society grew from 300 to some 2,000. The money that was raised went to maintaining more than 300 ambulances, surgical units and first aid vehicles, and to keeping up 200 hostels for the injured. Large quantities of goods, chiefly clothes, were also donated.

After the war, Harrington returned to journalism, becoming managing editor of the New Haven Journal-Courier in 1956, and of *The Morning Record*, of Meriden, Connecticut, in 1966. He retired in 1974.

Mr Gerald Whately, OBE, who died suddenly on July 8 at the age of 65, was a London solicitor who played an active part in the Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association, of which he was chairman from 1974 until his death.

Science report

Health teams study antenna radiation

Vernon, New Jersey – Environmental health officials in the United States are investigating whether radiation from a cluster of satellite-communications antennas is responsible for an abnormally high level of birth defects and miscarriages in Vernon, a rural town in north-western New Jersey.

State officials, acting after complaints from local parents, have found health problems that include cases of Down's Syndrome a genetic abnormality that causes severe mental retardation, at two and a half times the expected number.

Vernon Valley has the highest concentration of such antennas in the United States.

The inquiries by the Centre for Diseases Control, in Atlanta Georgia and the Environmental Protection Agency, are the first government examinations of whether the concentration of antennas and the genetic defects are related.

Industry officials say the radiation, or microwaves, that spills over from the 14 antennas is so low that it could not possibly affect body tissue or alter individual cells to cause health problems. But a parents' group and other residents say the health problems are proof that the industry is wrong.

No studies have specifically examined the impact of the 2,000 dish-shaped antennas installed in the last 10 years at hundreds of sites around the country, as the links to satellites used for most programming, and military and business communications.

Most studies show few adverse health effects from other types of microwaves – television and radio broadcasting and power-transmission lines. However, a project paid for by the US Air Force last year found unusually high levels of cancer in rats exposed to continuous radiation at the frequences used in Sussex county, though at a much higher intensity.

The director of the EPA office for monitoring radio-frequency emissions, Mr David E. Janes, said he wanted to use sophisticated equipment to test the intensity of the microwaves in residential areas and at three schools near to the antennas. The EPA is preparing to recommend a standard for exposure to all microwave frequencies.

The studies are being conducted after a three-year campaign by the parents' group, Citizens Against Towers.

The parents are also fighting state health officials, who, in 1983, studied birth defects in the area for the period from 1975 to 1981 and concluded there were no significant health abnormalities among the 20,000 residents of Vernon.

The parents, in a door-to-door survey found the problem was worse than the state had described it, and two months ago state officials agreed there were unusual health problems.

The parents' group located eight children with Downs Syndrome, 30 with severe neurological, muscular or other birth defects, 24 miscarriages and 14 cases in which the foetus had failed to develop or was stillborn.

The antenna operators, the RCA corporation, the Western Union Telegraph Co and the American Satellite Co, chose Vernon specifically because it was an oasis of electromagnetic silence, with 1,500-ft-high hills to shield their antennas from the blanket of television signals and other radio-frequency waves centred 60 miles away in New York City.

The beam aimed at a satellite from each transmitter here has a strength of 200 to 300 watts, the companies said. It is not clear exactly how much of that power spreads outside the beam and into the valley.

The highest power level in the valley reported by a consultant hired by RCA was 0.0202 microwatts, or millionths of a watt, a square centimetre, at the border of the 125-acre site occupied by RCA.

The American National Standards Institute in New York, made up of scientists, government officials and industry representatives, said a general population could be safely exposed to up to 5,000 microwatts, a standard the state has adopted.

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University news

Firsts and class list

Oxford

The following Class List has been issued at Oxford University:–

HUMAN SCIENCES

Class I – Sophie E K Petersen, St J, City of London Girls' S.

Class II – Vittoria M C Annoscia, LMH, Hillcrest Secondary S, Nairobi; Jennifer E Barnett, St Cath, Lancaster Girls' GS; J D Barrett, St Cath, Alleyn's S; Sarah M H Bashford, Hertf, S Hunsley Comp S; Sybil W Braithwaite, St Anne, Washwood Heath S; N J M Cook, LMH, Radley; Lesley Cowey, St Cath, Milham Ford S, Oxfd; J R Culley, Wadh, Portsmouth GS; Jill M Dawson, St Cath, mature student; Alison C R Day, St Cath, King's S Worcester; Erica L Downey, LMH, St Paul's Girls' S; R E Goodman, St Cath, Francis Bacon S, St Albans; G M E Hollingbery, LMH, St Peter's C, Radley; Sophia J Hyndman, New, SS Helen and Katharine S, Abingdon; Elizabeth L James, St J, Weald S, W Sussex; Hannah Mayes, Jesus, Northampton HS; Tanya P Nelson, St J, Guildford HS; Mrs Vivian M Peto, St Cath, Ruskin C; Rosemary S Scobie, Hertf, SS Helen and Katharine S, Abingdon; A Shrimpton, St Cath, John Leggott VIth Form C; B Webb, Wadh, City of London S.

No Class III

Queen's University, Belfast

The following First Class degrees are announced:

BA

Economic and Social History: D W Cowan (Belfast HS)

Social Anthropology: Joanne E Jordan (Ballymena Cambridge House Girls)

Joint Honours Schools

French and German: Margaret E Armstrong (Enniskillen Coll) D R Gordon (Lisburn Friends)

Bachelor of Divinity: D Bradley (Belfast Annadale)

BSc:

Civil Engineering: H M Brinn (Newtownards Regent House)

Mechanical Engineering: M W J Baillie (Larne Gr); G Bell (Belfast RBAI); M N Canning (Limavady Gr); R W McAllen (Cookstown HS); Emmet G McCluskey (Ballymena St Louis Gr)

Electrical and Electronic Engineering: T W Abernethy (Dungannon Royal), K B Affolter (Belfast RBAI), Donagh M Clarke (Maghera St Patrick's H), J T E McDonnell (Londonderry St Columb's), G J McEwan (Bangor G), Barbara G Riddels (Belfast HS), S M F Smyth (Bangor G), L A Stevenson (Ballymoney Dalriada).

Aeronautical Engineering: P D J Hutchison (Belfast Campbell Coll), C McSpadden (Banbridge Acad), E F O'Hare (Newry St Colman's Violet Hill).

Chemical Engineering: Elizabeth A Cassidy (Magherafelt St Mary's Conv), M A Knapton (Newry Abbey CBS).

Bachelor of Agriculture: N C Fulton (Omagh Acad)

Bachelor of Social Science:

Accounting: K F Bradley (Coleraine Acad Inst)

BSc:

Chemistry: Pauline M Brown (Belfast St Dominic's H); Marie M Ferris (Londonderry Thornhill Coll); Kathryn E J Gibson (Belfast Richmond Lodge); Margaret R M McGuckin (Magherafelt St Mary's Conv)

Pharmacy: Kathryn M Busby (Belfast HS); Celine M Higgins (Kilkeel St Louis H); Margaret M Hill (Belfast Dominican Coll, Fortwilliam); D S Jones (Dungannon Royal)

Mathematics: K M Dunseath (Bangor Gr)

Physics: Margaret E E Elliott (Lisburn Wallace H); P C Miller (Belfast Model Boys' Sec); Christina M E Regan (Belfast Dominican Coll, Fortwilliam)

Computer Science: Mary R Higgins (Ballynahinch Assumption H); C J McDowell (Belfast St Patricks Coll, Knock); Maura E McPartlan (Lurgan St Michael's Sen H).

Biochemistry: Jane M McKillop (Dungannon St Patrick's Acad for Girls).

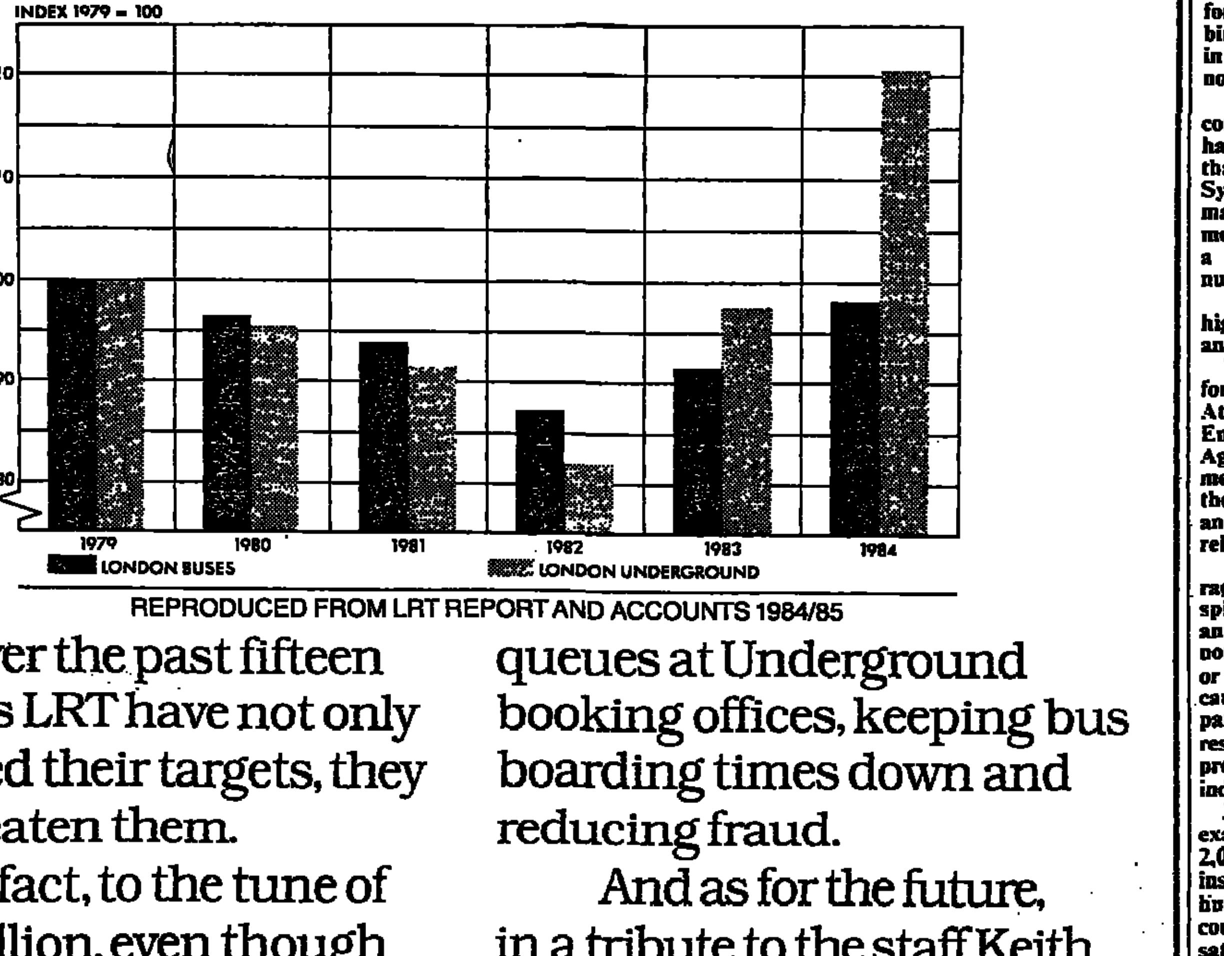
Mathematics and Computer Science: Valerie Longwell (Omagh Acad); Ann E Mills (Dundonald Girls' H)

Computer Science and Physics: Leslie C Emerson (Lurgan Coll).

Applied Mathematics and Physics: D Fergie (Carrickfergus G).

Bachelor of Laws: J P Doran (Belfast Christian Brothers' G); Bernadette A Walsh (Finaghy Rathmore G).

More results tomorrow



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Over the past fifteen months LRT have not only achieved their targets, they have beaten them.

In fact, to the tune of £32 million, even though their grant was £15 million less than originally planned.

Not only do the figures look good but the service has improved.

A rise in the number of Travelcard and bus pass users to 750,000 has played a major part in cutting queues at Underground booking offices, keeping bus boarding times down and reducing fraud.

And as for the future, in a tribute to the staff Keith Bright, Chairman of LRT, said "I am convinced that with their continued support LRT will be able to provide for London a public transport system that will be modern, efficient and once again, the envy of the world."

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

The real culprits in tax numbers game

The Treasury is making an ill-judged attempt to turn the clock back by signifying its relucatnce to publish an autumn estimate of the scope available for tax cuts in the next Budget. The "implied fiscal adjustment" that appears in the autumn estimates of public accounts is merely the difference between total expenditure (which has to be published after the annual Cabinet spending battle) and the Treasury's latest revenue projections.

The Treasury is saying grumpily that this figure gives rise to undesirable speculation through the winter, of the kind that got the Chancellor into hot water over his plans for pension funds. The Treasury even has the nerve to implicate this innocuous little figure in last winter's sterling crisis. This nonsensical argument neglects the simple fact that speculation was aroused not by the figures in the Autumn Statement, but by the Government's known views on the need for tax cuts; while it was the overshoot on current public spending, together with confusion over monetary policy and the Chancellor's own misguided approach to the exchange rate that fuelled the sterling crisis.

If the numbers game over the "fiscal adjustment" played any part in last winter's troubles, it was not as a result of publication of a modest estimate in the Autumn Statement, but because far larger figures leaked out from politicians in departments other than the Treasury. If no fiscal adjustment is now published by the Treasury, these leaks will gain all the more credence. Failure to publish, morevoer, will play havoc with the Government's medium-term strategy.

For either "fiscal adjustments" will similarly have to be erased out of the annual version of this strategy published each Budget-time, in which case the Government's attempt to set a medium-term path for Government policy will shrivel into a virtually meaningless collection of dubious monetary indicators, on the autumn figures will have to be massaged to make it impossible for economic detectives to calculate how the figures for public accounts have changed during the summer. And the Treasuy cannot withdraw too much information without falling foul of the requirements of the 1975 Industry Act, to publish a full economic forecast every autumn. The Treasury select committee, which rightly objects to the Treasury's attempt to retreat into secrecy, should invoke the act – or sponsor private member's legislation to strengthen it.

Case for state-run investment bank

Despite the careful disclaimers which accompany the latest report by the National Economic Development Council on the case for a state-run investment bank, it is significant that the Trades Union Congress was the first to welcome it.

An argument which was buried for several years after the uninspiring performances of the Industrial Reorganisation Corporation and the National Enterprise Board has now been thrust back into the public arena after a near-singlehanded campaign by the TUC.

Although the report's foreword says that it does not commit the committee's members to any particular view as to the need for such an institution, the whole drift of the document is biased towards answering the question "Why not?" rather than the question "Why?" It forms an excellent entree to the Labour Party's forthcoming opus, *Investing in Britain*, which faithfully echoes the TUC's argument.

So now David Walker of the Bank of England and David Scholey of Mercury Securities are being paraded by the Left as new converts to a National Investment Bank, or its equivalent. In the rocess that bewhiskered spectre, the Equity Gap, is being dangled before the City again.

It seems that however much money the City in its various guises manages to lose on speculative projects, it is never enough. The paper reproaches 3i for "the size of the surpluses it generates" as an indication that it is missing some viable high-risk opportunities. Presumably 3i is also missing some unviable opportunities, or its surpluses would be smaller.

The report presents without challenge the argument that "there is no certainty that all profitable opportunities for long-term, high risk investment will find finance under existing arrangements", and in a period of rapid structural change "perceptions of risk by market agents may become exaggerated."

It is no more likely that a committee of the great and the good at the head of a NIB will identify every profitable opportunity, and the number of venture-capital failures suggests that perceptions of risk are about right, or even oo myopic. Institutions who paid £34 a share to invest in Sir Clive Sinclair are nursing potential losses of more than £30 a share. Sir Clive walked away from the NEB i 1977 to make a huge, if temporary, fortune in home computers. An opportunity missed, or an exaggerated perception of risk?

Babies go out of fashion at Lloyd's

Baby syndicates are a vexed issue at Lloyd's insurance market, particularly among those names who are not on them, but there is no doubt that they are on the retreat as a result of Lloyd's new rules. The recently-published 1982 syndicate accounts show over 40 such syndicates, two with a mere one name apiece, some with over 60 names. The 1985 accounts, when released, will probably show no more than a handful still in existence and those not for long. The total number of Lloyd's syndicates dropped from 431 in 1982 to 385 in 1985, a period of sharply increased capacity, as babies were merged into main syndicates or closed down.

Baby syndicates are tricky to define – one reasonwhy Lloyd's latest guidelines against them are them not mandatory. A baby syndicate, however, is one with a select number of names, led by the underwriter of the main syndicate, writing more profitable business than the main syndicate. Baby syndicates have high proportion of working names and their wives and friends on them.

Baby syndicates were an accepted part of the old Lloyd's, but the climate has changed and creaming off the best business is no longer seen as a permissable perk. The 1981 and 1982 accounts, which for the first time enforced disclosure of baby syndicates make fascinating reading. Is is possible to identify the babies, their profits and who is on them, including members of the Lloyd's council.

Many babies have or are being closed. Willis Faber, for example, last year decided to close down its baby syndicate 449. The syndicate was in existence of over 40 years, its underwriter in the 1970's was Sir Henry Mance, a former chairman of Lloyd's, no member of the Willis board was on the syndicate.

The decision to close the syndicate was taken in the light of the new climate at Lloyd's. Drawing a distinction between baby, preferred and parallel syndicates is no easy task. Syndicates 145 and 505, for example, are too large to be babies, but have a high proportion of well-known working Lloyd's names on them. External names who are on less profitable syndicates could question why. The advent of greater disclosure is names' best protection. If a name's syndicate performs less well than another writing the same class of business, he can now point out the fact and ask why.

Stagnant ICI profits send stock market plummeting

By Clare Dobie

Imperial Chemical Industries, a bellwhether company for British industry, yesterday reported depressing first-half figures, and the subsequent sharp fall in its share price helped to drag the entire stock market down to a new low for the year.

ICI's shares dropped 30p on the day to 659p, while the London market, as measured by the FT 30-share index, shed 15 points to close at 911. The previous low was in January.

Sir John Harvey-Jones, chairman, reported that first-half profits for the six months to June 30 were £535 million, £2 million ahead of the comparable figures for last year. Brokers now expect profits for the full year to fall short of last year's £1,034 million before tax.

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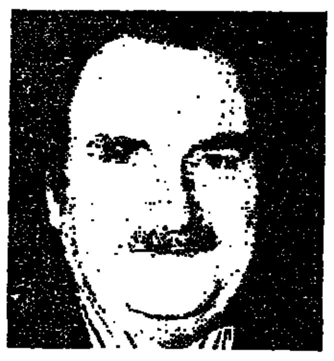
Currency relaignments caused most of the damage. According to Mr Alan Clements, the financial director, the strong pound may have reduced group profits by as much as £60 million in the second quarter. Further losses are expected for the rest of the year, unless sterling declines.

The company did not publicly criticize the high interest rate regime organized by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor. But City analysis were quick to calculate just how destructive it has been to ICI's long-term strategy.

By pushing up the pound against other currencies, in particular the mark, Mr Lawson has effectively put ICI at a disadvantage against its European competitors. For five years or so the company hs been working hard to reduce its costs to the levels prevailing at its German competitors.

First-quarter profits, already published, rose from £245 million to £267 million. The latest figures reveal a drop in the second three months of the year from £287 million to £268 million, mainly in petrochemicals and plastics, the areas most sensitive to exchange rates. Profits from general chemicals were also lower.

Oil was another difficult area with production from the Ninian field in the North Sea down. The company also incurred higher oil exploration costs and paid more petroleum revenue tax.



Sir John Harvey-Jones: depressing first half

The agriculture division was stronger thanks to a good performance by the agrochemicals business. A first-time contribution from Beatrice, the American speciality chemicals manufacturer acquired for $750 million, contributed to a good rise in profits, from £150 million to $186 million before interest, in the consumer and speciality products division.

The Beatrice acquisition explains the rise in interest charges from £19 million to £33 million. The underlying financial position remains strong.

After Beatrice, more acquisitions are expected. In a recent speech, Sir Denys Henderson, an ICI director, emphasized the importance of acquisitions to ICI. He said the aoquisitions team, set up last year, was lookig at 100 propositions.

Escalating costs of research and development and shorter effective patent lives had combined to make in-house innovation insufficient to produce the required growth rates.

The interin dividend has been raised from 12p to 13p, less than the City expected. The increase leaves the shares yielding nearly 7 per cent. That might not be enough to draw back the investors.

The shares, which were riding high last year, but underperformed this year are now rated at a 30 per cent discount to the market.

This year's sales are running well ahead of last year at £5,582 milion against £4,805 million. The main advance was again in overseas chemicals, now running at three times the level of home sales. Less than half the increase reflected volume increases. The rest was down to the effect of acquisitions, price rises and exchange gains.

Opec pact may help Britoil sale

By David Young in Geneva and William Kay

As members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) emerged from their latest meeting in Geneva in a mood of guarded accord, the City advisers to Britoil were gearing up to sell the Government's 49 per cent stake in the company early next week.

Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank advising Britoil, Britain's biggest oil exploration company, was waiting to see how well the Opec meeting went before recommending that the £500 million share sale should go ahead on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Opec the decision to make marginal reductions in official prices as with three of the 10 member nations, Algeria, Iran and Libya dissenting – will have little effect on the world's free or spot oil markets, which are presently pricing Opec oils at as much as $2 below even the new price structure.

Oil industry analysts suggested the decision could lead to further international doubts about Opec's ability to control its members' prices and output to a degree which can ever again affect free market oil prices.

The Opec price of heavy oil has been cut by 50 cents to $26, the medium grades by 20 cents to $26.80, but the light grades – which compare with North Sea output – remain unchanged at $26.

Saudi Arabia had attempted to widen the gap between heavy and light prices by cutting heavy prices by a further 15 cents a barrel or increasing the cost of light oils.

It was this suggestion, after a majority decision to adopt the new price structure, which almost wrecked the meeting and highlighted the great divide on pricing policy between Saudi Arabia and Algeria, Libya and Iran.

BP wins High Court ruling against Revenue

BP has succesfully challenged in the High Court an Inland Revenue interpretation of the capital allowances rules as they apply to corporation tax.

Giving judgment in two related appeals, Elliss v BP Oil Northern Ireland Refinery Ltd and Elliss v BP Tyne Tanker Co Ltd, Mr Justice Walton held that companies could not be compelled to take capital allowances if, for whatever reason, it was not in their best intersr to do so.

The decision could affect thousands of companies which, prior to the decision, have been compelled to take industrial buildings allowances and writing down allowances on plant and machinery.

Abbey National cuts loan rate to 13.25%

By Lawrence Lever and Richard Thomson

The Abbey National, Britain's second biggest building society, is reducing its mortgage interest rate by up to 1.5 per cent from today.

The new rate – a flat 13.25 per cent – will apply to all new borrowers, with the society's 780,000 existing borrowers due to have their mortgage rates bought into line within the next few months.

The society is also abolishing its differential rates of interest so that the new rate will apply irrespective of the size of the loan. On a £40,000 repayment mortgage the reduction will represent a saving of £28.30 per month or £338.40 per year.

Commenting on the society's move, which sees it leapfrog from being the most expensive lender of the top five building societies, to the cheapest, Mr Brian Firmin, marketing manager, said: "We have felt that our rates were too high for some time.

The Skipton Building Society yesterday promised to cut its charges to new borrowers to 13 per cent – a one percentage point reduction from September 1.

A spokesman for the Halifax said: "We were looking into the possibility of a 1 per cent reduction on September 1.

The possibility of an earlier reduction would depend on what competitors did on the influx of funds into the society."

Both the Nationwide and Leeds Permanent building societies confirmed that they were thinking of a September reduction but they said they would reconsider the position in the light of Abbey National's decision.

REPAYMENT MORTGAGE RATES
Top five building societies

1. Halifax	14 - 14½%
2. Abbey National	13.25%
3. Nationwide	13.875%
4. Leeds Permanent	14 - 14.75%
5 Woolwich	13.875%

Above rates all increase by ½% for endowment mortgages.

Mexico to set peso floating

By Our City Staff

The Mexican Government, faced with runaway public spending, yesterday unveiled an economic programme under which the previously fixed peso will be subject to a controlled float from August 5.

One of the programe's chief objectives is to cut the cost of the Mexico's bureaucracy. President Miguel do la Madrid will set an example by taking a 10 per cent cut in his salary.

The controlled peso, which is used by most Mexican businesses, has been devalued by 17 per cent to 279 to the dollar for the period up to its flotation. Import permits for goods making up 37 per cent of Mixico's imports will be abolished. The permits will be replaced by import tariffs.

Cuts equivalent to £290 million are to be made in Mexico's current budget of £36.2 billion. Much bigger reductions are promised for next year.

Habitat lifts stake in Burton

By Patience Wheatcroft

Habitat Mothercare yesterday bought another 500,000 shares in Burton Group in an attempt to support the Burton share *prize and preserve the value of* its bid for Debenhams.

The £2.2 million purchase was also seen as a move towards counter-acting the latest anti-takeover advertising from Debenhams which features a silhouette of the Habitat chairman, Sir Terence Conran, above the legend: "This man isn't bidding for Debenhams."

Habitat has been associated with the bid from the start but is not putting up any cash, a fact which Debenham will stress in a new defence document which will go out to shareholders tomorrow.

Yesterday's purchase by Habitat was at 438p a share, the level at which they closed, valuing the Burton bid for Debenhams at £570 million, well ahead of the market price. But the outlook for the bid remains clouded by the involvement of House of Fraser, which yesterday lifted its Debenham stake to 12.76 per cent.

Chairing Habitat's annual meeting yesterday, Sir Terence was confident that the bid would succeed

After the meeting, Sir Terence said that there had been a meeting between the House of Fraser chairman, Professor Roland Smith, and Burton's chairman Mr Ralph Halpern, to discuss the bid.

According to Sir Terence, Professor Smith said that he would have been interested in cooperating with Burton to launch a bid for Debenhams, perhaps taking a 20 per cent option like Habitat. But he did not intend to let the existing deal go through without putting up a fight.

IN BRIEF

Names ask for Posgate

Lloyd's names on the troubled PCW syndicates, who are trying to set up their own agency to continue the profitable marine business and run-off the lossmaking business, have asked Lloyd's whether Mr Ian Posgate could become the underwriter of the new agency.

A proposal was put to Mr Peter Miller, chairman of Lloyd's, this week. Mr Posgate is understood to be agreeable to the proposal. He is at present suspended from working in the market until January 8 next year and then still has to pass a Lloyd's vetting procedure. Mr Miller will be putting the names' suggestion to the ruling council of Lloyd's.

The names, who are trying to set up the new agency are anxious that they have a tough underwriter prepared to put their interests first. Losses on the unprofitable PCW syndicates come to an estimated £130 million.

Names also want to trade their way out of their troubles by subscribing for shares in a new agency which will take on the profitable and large marine syndicate 900. Mr Ron Pateman, who was to have taken over this syndicate, has withdrawn his offer for it after objections from the names.

Ash bids £20m for competitor

Automated Security Holdings (Ash) yesterday launched a £20.4 million bid for Security Centres (SC), one of its leading competitors in the design, installation and maintenance of security systems. The bid was rejected by SC, which is involved in litigation with Ash, as "unwelcome, unrealistically priced and opportunistic".

Ash is offering five of its shares for every six SC shares. Charterhouse Japhet, the merchant bank, has underwritten a cash alternative offer of 112.5p a share.

British Rail Pension Fund has lifted its shareholding in Highland Distillers, best known for its Famous Grouse brand of scotch whisky, to 5.3 per cent. On the stock market the shares rose 1p to 76p.

Chloride unrest

Chloride directors are expected to be questioned at the annual meeting today over the battery group's poor performance in recent years. The shareholders' Action Group, which wants a change in management direction, has nominated Dr Maurice Gillibrand, a former Chloride research director, to the board.

Dividend rises

Scottish American Investment Company is to pay an interim dividend of 1.95p, (1.7p) after net income rose from £1.5 million to £1.8 million. Net asset value increased from 258.5p to 312.7p.

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Bond lifts bid

Bond Corporation, the Australian company run by Mr Alan Bond, has stepped up its offer for Castlemaine Tooheys, the brewer. Mr Bond is now offering A$7.50 a share for all of Castlemaine, instead of A$7.10 for 50 per cent.

New taxes urged to cut deficit

From Bailey Morris
Washington

US Congressional officials yesterday proposed a variety of unpopular taxes in an urgent attempt to reach accord on a deficit reduction programme before the summer recess on August 2.

The taxes, including a $5-a-barrel oil import fee, are included in the new counter offer Senate Republicans plan to make to House Democrats in an effort to break the deadlock in the divisive budget reduction talks.

Meanwhile Administration officials disclosed that the White House has lowered its official forecast for 1985 growth to 3 per cent from 3.9 per cent.

Officials said the lower growth figure would add as much as $20 billion to the deficit in 1986 which is now estimated at $230 billion.

The Administration's forecast is more optimistic than private forecasts and other internal estimates by government officails who have predicted growth in a range of 2.5 per cent to 2.9 per cent.

In their search for new revenues, Senate Republicans also plan to propose a delay in inflation adjustments for income taxes and big benefit programmes

Meanwhile, a House committee voted to extend the 16 cents tax on cigarettes.

BT sale abuses alleged

An official inquiry into alleged abuses surrounding the selling of British Telecom shares was called for yesterday by Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's trade spokesman in the Commons writes Richard Evans.

In a letter to Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Gould said answers to a number of Parliamentary questions about the flotation gave "considerabel cause for concern".

Mr Gould highlighted the following issues:

- Members of the merchant bankers advising the Government on the share price and other matters were permitted to trade in the shares.
- The "disgorgement" of profits improperly made from trading in the shares by the employees of some underwriters.
- An undertaking given to employees of Telecom that no individual limit would be placed on their allocation was broken without any adequate reason, with the effect that about five million shares were withdrawn from employees.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	911.0 (−15.0)
FT-A All Share	n/a
FT Govt Securities	83.14 (−0.11)
FT-SE 100	1221.7 (−14.5)
Bargains	19,875
Datastream USM	95.04 (−0.11)
New York	
Dow Jones	1348.55 (−0.44)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12,647.03 (−130.00)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1692.06 (+26.43)
Amsterdam:	219.6 (+0.5)
Sydney: AO	941.1 (+5.5)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1384.1 (−19.4)
Brussels:	
General	316.44 (+1.55)
Paris: CAC	216.0 (−2.3)
Zurich:	
SKA General	394.70 (+0.70)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $319.40. pm-$317.4000
close $317.50-$318.00
New York:
Comex (latest) $318.45

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

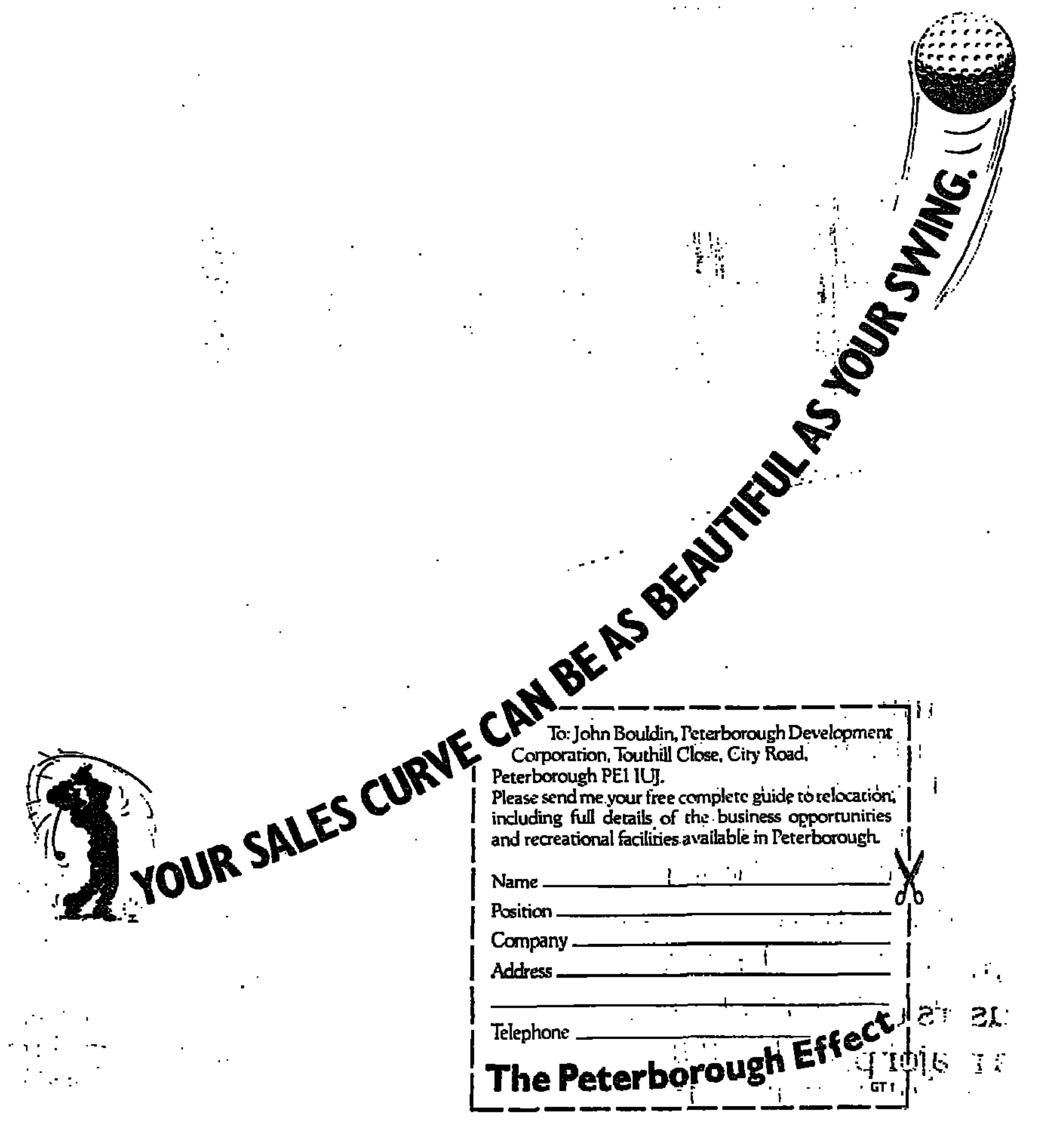
RISES:	
R Cartwright	176p +26p
Celtic Haven	83p +9p
Downlbrae	27p +3p
PhilipHarris	155p +7p
Rowlinson Secs	39p +4p
DBE Tech Grp	55p +5p
Jaguar	260p +4p
Imperial Grp	169p +3p
Woodhouse & Rixon	37½p +2½p
Securities	115p +18p
Godfrey Davis	107p +3p
Barbican Hldgs	2½p +½p
TI Group	330p +3p
Vosper	155p +7p
FALLS:	
Imperial Chem Inds	659p −30p
De La Rue	790p −40p
BAT Industries	293p −10p
McKechnie Brothers	113p −9p
Barlow Rand	405p −35p
AE	115p −8p
Bowater Industries	303p −13p
Pearson	305p −18p
Beecham Grp	315p −10p
Consold Gld Fields	454p −25p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.4090 (+0.0110)
£: DM 4.0382 (+0.0084)
£: SwFr 3.3021 (−0.0048)
£: FFr 12.3126(+0.0487)
£: Yen 337.43 (+2.65)
£ Index: 84.1 (unchanged)
New York:
£: $1.4080
$: DM 2.8672
$ Index: 138.5 (+0.2)
ECU £0.556415
SDR £0.730601

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 12%
3-month Interbank 11$\frac{15}{16}$-11$\frac{29}{32}$%
3-month eligible bills:
buying rate 11$\frac{5}{16}$-11½%
US:
Prime Rate 9.5%
Federal Funds 7¾%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.18-7.16%
Long bond 105$\frac{11}{32}$-105$\frac{15}{32}$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WALL STREET

	July 24	July 23
AMF Inc	13⅝	13⅝
AMR	46⅞	48⅛
Allied Corp	44½	45
Allied Stores	58½	59⅝
Allis Chalmers	5½	5½
Alcoa	36¼	36⅞
Amax Inc	15⅞	16⅛
Amerada Hess	28⅝	27¾
Am Brands	64	65
Am Broadcast	113¾	114
Am Can	58⅞	58⅝
Am Cyanamid	53½	54⅛
Am Elec Power	22¾	23⅛
Am Express	44⅝	46
Am Home	62½	64
Am Hospital	45⅝	45½
Am Motors	3¼	3¼
Am Standard	30½	30⅝
Am Telephone	21⅝	21⅝
Amoco	64½	62¾
Armco Steel	9⅞	9⅞
Asarco	24⅝	24⅛
Ashland Oil	35¼	34½
Atlntic Richfield	59	58
Avon Products	23	23
Bankers Tst NY	67	69
Bankamerica	17⅝	17¼
Bank of Boston	52	52⅞
Bank of NY	45⅞	46⅝
Beatrice Foods	30⅝	30⅞
Bethlehem Steel	18¼	18¼
Boeing	47⅝	48⅝
Boise Cascade	49⅝	50
Borden	37⅞	39¾
Borg Warner	21⅝	21⅝
Bristol Myers	62⅞	63¾
BP	29⅛	29
Burlington Ind	29	29
Burlington Nthn	65½	65⅝
Burroughs	63⅝	63
Campbell Soup	37⅛	75⅝
Canadian Pacific	14⅝	14⅝
Caterpillar	37⅜	37
Celanese	119¾	122½
Central SW	23¾	24½
Champion	24¾	24⅞
Chase Manhat	58¾	59⅝
Chem Bank NY	41	41⅞
Chevron	37¼	35⅝
Chrysler	34⅞	35¼
Citicorp	46⅞	47⅞
Clark Equip	32	31⅝
Coca Cola	71¼	72¼
Colgate	26⅝	26¼
CBS	118¼	117⅝
Columbia Gas	30¾	30¾
Combustion Eng	30⅛	30⅝
Comwlth Edison	30⅛	30¼
Cons Edison	34¾	34⅝
Cons Nat Gas	41	41¾
Cons Power	8¼	8⅛
Control Data	27½	27⅝
Corning Glass	46½	46⅝
CPC Intl	43½	44⅛
Crane	38	38⅛
Crown Zeller	39	39¼
Dart & Kraft	35½	36¾
Deere	30½	30⅝
Delta Air	49¼	50¼
Detroit Edison	16¼	16
Digital Equip	102⅛	102¾
Disney	86¾	88⅛
Dow Chemical	36½	36⅝
Dresser Ind	22¾	23¼
Duke Power	33	33
Du Pont	60⅞	60
Eastern Air	9¼	9⅛
Eastman Kodak	45¾	45¾
Eaton Corp	53¾	53⅝
Emerson Elect	73⅛	73⅝
Evans Prod	1¾	1¾

	July 24	July 23
Exxon Corp	52⅞	51⅝
Fed Dept Stores	56⅝	57⅝
Firestone	21½	22
Fst Chicago	22⅞	23¾
Fst Inrst Bncp	50⅝	51¼
Fst Penn Corp	7	7
Ford	43⅝	43½
GAF Corp	31⅝	32¾
GTE Corp	41¼	41¾
Gen Corp	44⅝	45⅝
Gen Dynamics	78⅝	79⅝
Gen Electric	63⅝	63⅝
Gen Foods	76⅞	79
Gen Mills	57⅝	58¼
Gen Motors	63⅝	66⅛
Gen Pub Util NY	13½	13⅝
Genesco	3¾	3⅞
Georgia Pacific	24¾	24½
Gillette	62½	63¾
Goodrich	31½	31½
Goodyear	28⅛	28⅛
Gould Inc	24½	24¾
Grace	42⅝	42⅝
Gt Atlic & Pacific	16⅝	16⅞
Greyhound	28⅛	28⅝
Grumman Corp	30⅝	31⅝
Gulf & West	33⅝	39
Heinz H. J.	55	56¼
Hercules	39⅝	39¼
Honeywell	65	65¾
IC Inds	34⅝	34¾
Ingersoll	52	53
Inland Steel	25⅝	25⅛
IBM	129	129⅝
Int Harvester	9½	9¼
INCO	14⅞	14¾
Int Paper	51½	50⅞
Int Tel Tel	32⅝	30⅞
Irving Bank	38⅝	39½
Jim Walter	35¾	35⅞
Johnson & John	47¼	47½
Kaiser Alumin	14⅛	14½
Kerr McGee	29	28½
Kimberly Clark	60¾	60⅞
K Mart	35	35½
Kroger	42½	42¾
L.T.V. Corp	8¼	8½
Litton	80¾	83
Lockheed	54⅝	54⅝
Lucky Stores	21	21⅞
Manuf Hanover	37⅞	38⅝
Manville Cp	5⅞	5⅞
Mapco	37	37⅛
Marine Midland	34¾	34½
Martin Marietta	40⅛	42
Masco	35	35⅝
McDonnell	83¾	86¼
Mead	42¾	43¼
Merck	115⅞	116⅝
Minnesota Mng	80¼	80⅝
Mobil Oil	30⅝	29⅞
Monsanto	53	54½
Morgan J. P.	51	51⅝
Motorola	36	36
NCR Corp	34½	34¼
NL Industries	11¾	11½
Nabisco	83⅝	83⅝
Nat Distilers	35	34⅞
Nat Med Ent	28⅝	29⅝
Norfolk South	71	71⅝
NW Bancorp	28⅝	28¼
Occidental Pet	31⅞	31¼
Ogden	31⅞	32⅝
Olin Corp	31⅞	31⅞
Owens-Illinois	49¼	49¼
Pacific Gas Elec	18½	18½
Pan Am	7	7¼
Penney J. C.	49¾	50
Pennzoil	55½	53½
Pepsico	58⅞	58⅝
Pfizer	50⅝	51¼

	July 24	July 23
Phelps Dodge	23¼	23
Philip Morris	82¾	83¾
Phillips Petrol	12¾	12⅝
Polaroid	31⅞	31
PPG Ind	44¼	45
Proctor Gamble	58	58⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	29¼	30
Raytheon	51	51¼
RCA Corp	44⅞	45½
Reynolds Ind	27	27⅝
Reynolds Metal	36¾	36½
Rockwell Int	40⅝	40¼
Royal Dutch	60¾	60
Safeways	32¼	31⅞
Sara Lee	41½	41¼
SFE Sopac	32⅝	32¾
SCM	48⅝	48½
Schlumberger	38⅛	37¾
Scott Paper	42½	43
Seagram	43¼	42⅞
Sears Roebuck	36⅝	36⅞
Shell Trans	38¼	37⅞
Signal Co	43¼	43⅝
Singer	38⅛	39¼
Smithkline Beck	69⅝	70⅝
Sony	15½	15⅝
Sth Cal Edison	24⅝	25⅛
Sperry Corp	51⅝	51⅞
Std Oil Ohio	46¾	45¾
Sterling Drug	32⅝	32⅛
Stevens J. P.	22⅝	22¾
Sun Comp	47¼	46⅛
Teledyne	261⅝	260½
Tenneco	41½	41⅝
Texaco	36¾	35⅝
Texas East Corp	30¼	31⅛
Texas Inst	106	106¼
Texas Utilities	28¾	29
Textron	55⅝	55⅛
TWA	18⅛	18⅞
Travelers Corp	45¼	46⅛
TRW Inc	78⅝	78¼
UAL Inc	54½	56
Union Carbide	51⅝	51⅞
Unocal	29⅞	28¾
Un Pacific Corp	51½	51¾
Uniroyal	21⅝	21⅝
United Brands	18⅝	19⅝
US Steel	28⅞	28½
Utd Technol	43¼	43⅛
Wachovia	33⅝	35¼
Warner Lambert	43¾	45⅞
Wells Fargo	58⅛	60⅛
Westnghse Elec	34⅞	35¼
Weyerhaeuser	29	29⅝
Whirlpool	49½	49½
Woolworth	45⅛	45⅝
Xerox Corp	52	53
Zenith	19⅞	19¼

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	18	17¾
Alcan Alumin	36	35¾
Algoma Steel	22½	22⅛
Bell Telephone	42¼	42½
Can Pacific	19¼	19⅝
Cominco	12½	12⅝
Cons Bathurst	17¾	18
Gulf Oil	17½	17½
Hawker/Sid Can	21½	21½
Hudson Bay Mn	7¼	7¼
Imasco	27¾	27⅞
Imperial Oil	49¾	50
Int Pipe	42⅝	42⅞
Mass.-Fergsn	2.84	2.75
Royal Trustco	21¼	21
Seagram	58¼	57
Steel Co	23	23⅛
Thomson N 'A'	22	22¼
Walker Hiram	32⅞	33
WCT	17⅞	17⅞

● Ex div. a Asked c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split t Traded. y Unquoted.

Early fall for Dow

New York (Agencies) – Shares headed lower in active early trading on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average which started the day up two points to 1,351, had fallen to 1,346.21 by mid-morning.

The NYSE index was down 0.23 points to 110.90 and the price of an average share was down 8 cents.

Declines led advances by 760 to 519 among the 1,743 issues crossing the tape. The first-hour big board volume amounted to about 33.05 million shares (30.35 million).

The stock market's retreat from record levels this week came amid debate over how well the economy will perform in the second half.

The Reagan Administration lowered its forecast for the whole of 1985 to three per cent growth instead of 3.9 per cent.

On the trading floor, Arizona Public Service was the most active NYSE-listed issue, unchanged at 26.

Phillips Petroleum rose 1-8 to 12 3-4 and Atlantic Richfield was up 1-2 to 59 1-2.

Mobil fell 1-2 to 30 3-8. Exxon lost 7-8 to 52.

AZP Group lost 1/8 to 25-7/8. Inco was up 1/4 to 14-7/8.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Sep 85	88.73	88.75	88.66	88.70	1175
Dec 85	89.43	89 43	89.36	89 40	244
Mar 86	89.56	89.56	89.51	89.56	62
Jun 86	89.59	89.59	89.54	89 60	20
Sep 86	89.58	89.60	89.58	89.60	40
Previous day's total open interest 6963					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Sep 85	91.75	91 75	91.69	91.71	4142
Dec 85	91.31	91.32	91.25	91.29	579
Mar 86	90 88	90.88	90.84	90.86	251
Jun 86	90.49	90.49	90.44	90.46	41
Sep 86	NT			90.11	0
Dec 86	NT			89.78	0
Mar 87	NT			89.44	0
Jun 87	NT			89.16	0
Previous day's total open interest 18853					
US Treasury Bond					
Sep 85	75-23	75-23	75-07	75-11	2166
Dec 85	74-18	74-18	74-10	74-09	3
Mar 86	NT			73-09	0
Previous day's total open interest 3009					
Long Gilt					
Sep 85	112-19	112-21	112-07	112-12	1352
Dec 85	112-22	112-22	112-22	112-17	5
Mar 86	NT			112-30	0
Jun 86	NT				0
Previous day's total open interest 3972					
FT-SE 100					
Sep 85	123.50	123.86	122.50	122.75	457
Dec 85	NT			123.55	0
Previous day's total open interest 1594					

COMMODITIES

Copper was the main feature among the metals yesterday. A near position squeeze is developing as traders try to exploit the shortage of metal. The backwardation widened yesterday to £22 a tonne, after being £30 at one stage.

On the softs side, cocoa broke down through the £1,690 a tonne resistance point on the charts. Traders feel it could fall to £1,600 a tonne. Coffee moved wholly on currencies and looked firmer than cocoa.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

Rubber in p per kilo;
Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne;
Gas-oil and sugar in US $ per tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER (All sellers)	
Aug	660
Sep	680
Oct	770
Nov	770
Dec	770
Jan	Unquoted
Feb	Unquoted
Mar	Unquoted
Apr	Unquoted
Mar	Unquoted
Apr	Unquoted
Oct/Dec	690
Jan/Mar	Unquoted
Apr/June	Unquoted
Vol	Nil

SUGAR (Raw) No 5 at 16.25	
Oct	139.0–38.0
Dec	140.4–38.4
Mar	142.0–41.8
May	146.0–44.0
Aug	150.0–48.0
Oct	153 0–50.0
Dec	156.0–53.0
Vol	72

SUGAR (White) No. 6 at 16.40	
Aug	100.0–99.8
Oct	106.4–106.2
Dec	110.0–109.8
Mar	118.4–119.2
May	123.0–122.4
Aug	127.6–126.6
Oct	132.0–31.30
Vol	1735

COCOA	
July	1759–50
Sep	1700–97
Dec	1689–88
Mar	1697–96
May	1712–11
July	1729–27
Sep	1740–38
Vol	304/4484

COFFEE	
July	1602–00
Sep	1534–32
Nov	1578–77
Jan	1618–15
Mar	1650–45
May	1700–1690
July	1720–1710
Vol	287/5222

SOYABEAN	
Aug	120 0–100.0
Oct	110.5–110.0
Dec	115.5–115.0
Feb	121.5–120.5
Apr	123.0–21.5
Jun	124.0–22.5
Aug	127.0–23.5
Vol	145

GAS OIL	
Aug	223.75–23.50
Sep	220.50–20.25
Oct	221.00–20.50
Nov	223 00–22.00
Dec	224.25–23.60
Jan	225 00–22.00
Feb	225.00–22.00
Mar	220.00–12 00
Apr	218.00–08.00
Vol	1490

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures
Prices in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1095 00-1100.00
Three months	1077.00-1078.00
Vol	10,470
Tone	Steady
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1040.00-1045.00
Three months	1058.00-1060.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	9105-9110
Three months	9080-9091
Vol	310
Tone	Steady
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	9105-9115
Three months	9095-9105
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle
LEAD	
Cash	290.00-291.00
Three months	297.50-298.00
Vol	3,275
Tone	Steadier
ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	542.00-544.000
Three months	537 50-538 00
Vol	4,125
Tone	Barely steady
ZINC HIGH GRADE	
Cash	542 00-544.00
Three months	549.00-551 00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle
SILVER LARGE	
Cash	429.5-430.5
Three months	442.5-443.5
Vol	11
Tone	Barely steady, but quiet
SILVER SMALL	
Cash	429.5-430.5
Three months	442.5-443.5
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	718.00-719.00
Three months	741.00-741.50
Vol	6,000
Tone	Steady, but quiet
NICKEL	
Cash	3605-3615
Three months	3650-36601.50
Vol	318
Tone	Barely steady, after firmer

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 25

GB: Cattle, 98.33p per kg lw (+1 89).
GB: Sheep, 159.69p per kg est d c w (+6.59).
GB: Pigs, 75.46p per kg lw (-0.29).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos down 7.2 per cent, ave price, 98.66p (+2.60).
Sheep nos. down 12.4 per cent, ave. price, 160 81p (+7.18)
Pig nos. down 22.6 per cent, ave. price, 75.32p (+0.26).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 4.3 per cent, ave. price, 96.84p (−0.20).
Sheep nos. up 45 6 per cent, ave. price, 151.51p (+4.78).
Pig nos. up 0.0 per cent, ave. price, 78.98p (+0.00).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Sep	£97.70	£97.35
Nov	£101.10	£100.90
Jan	£105.00	£104.70
Mar	£108.30	£107.85
May	£111.65	£110.80

Volume:
Wheat 91
Barley 97

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract
p per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Aug	96.0	unquoted
Sep	100.0	104.0
Oct	104.5	106.0
Nov	105.5	107.0
Jan	unquoted	96.0
Feb	97 0	97.5
Mar	unquoted	97.5
Apr	97.0	97.5
May	unquoted	98.0
Jun	97.0	99.0
Jul	94.0	100.5

No lots traded
Pig meat
p per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Aug	108.2	108.1
Oct	108.7	108.7
Nov	109.2	109.7
Feb	100.0	101.3
Apr	100.5	101.7
Jun	100.5	101.8
		Vol.83

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	56.20	57.00
Feb	64.50	64.50
Apr	75.30	75 80
May	81.50	82.20
		Vol.180

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Jul	750.0-750.0	751 5
Oct	845.0-836.0	838.0
Jan	882.0-877.0	878.5
Apr	938.0-937 0	933.0
Jul	—	875.0
Oct	—	970.0
Jan	—	1000.0
Apr	—	1040.0

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The markets spent another extremely quiet day yestterday, with maany big corporate buyers now squared off and out of the market for the holiday season.

The pound ended the day more than a cent up against the dollar. The main feature was the rand, which took a battering in response to the growing unrest in South Africa.

Sterling finished at 1.4090 (1.3980), with the trade-weighted index unchanged at 84.1, after opening at 84.4

The pound gained to 4.0383 against the mark (4.0298). But dealers were unwilling to abstract any concrete trend in the thin trading conditions, except that sterling looks set to stay in favour at leasst until the next cut in British base rates.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range July 25	Market rates close July 25	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4020-1.4132	$1.4085-1.4095	0.53-0.50c prem	1.31-1.26c prem
Montreal	$1.8980-1.9056	$1.9029-1.9056	0.53-0.48c prem	1.28-1.20c prem
Amsterdam	4.5332-4.5505fl	4.5412-4.5487fl	2⅝-2½c prem	6⅝-6½c prem
Brussels	81.05-81.43f	81.26-81.43f	28-23c prem	65-55c prem
Copenhagen	14.4453-14.5472k	14.5228-14.5472k	4⅛-3ore prem	8⅞-7⅝ore prem
Dublin	1.2837-1.2887p	1.2845-1.2855p	27-17p prem	70-49p prem
Frankfurt	4.0291-4.0505m	4.0354-4.0411m	2⅝-2½pf prem	6⅞-6⅝pf prem
Lisbon	233.43-238.54e	234 77-238.46e	50-340e disc	410-1470e disc
Madrid	233.08-235.99p	235.26-235.99p	80-160p disc	285-410p disc
Milan	2688.47-2705.34lr	2699.19-2705.34lr	2 prem-3lr disc	4-13lr disc
Oslo	11.7088-11.7579k	11.7356-11.7579k	⅝prem-⅛ore disc	1⅝-2⅛ore disc
Paris	12.2431-12.3311f	12.2942-12.3311f	2⅝-1⅞c prem	5⅝-4⅞c prem
Stockholm	11.7781-11.8383k	11.8158-11.8383k	2⅞-2⅜ore prem	8⅝-8⅛ore prem
Tokyo	336.24-337.66y	337.21-337.66y	1⅞-1⅝y prem	4⅝-4⅜y prem
Vienna	28.20-28.42sch	28 39-28.42sch	15½-14⅛gro prem	41½-37⅞gro prem
Zurich	3.2921-3.3060f	3.2999-3.3043f	2⅛-1⅞c prem	5½-5⅞c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was unchanged at 84.1 (day's range 84.1-84.4).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.0920-1.0930
Singapore	2.2015-2.2030
Malaysia	2 4625-2.4640
Australia	0.7063-0.7073
Canada	1.3503-1.3613
Sweden	8.3850-8.3900
Norway	8.3450-8.3500
Denmark	10.2950-10.3000
West Germany	2.8600-2.8620
Switzerland	2.3350-2 3380
Netherlands	3.2200-3.2230
France	8.7100-8.7200
Japan	238.80-238.90
Italy	1911.0-1914.0
Belgium(Comm)	57.60-57.65
Hong Kong	7.7535-7.7565
Portugal	166.00-169.50
Spain	166.50-167.50
Austria	20.11-20.13

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral	1.1268-1.1291
Australia dollar	1.9934-1.9978
Bahrain dinar	0.5300-0.5340
Brazil cruzeiro*	8923.89-8964.42
Cyprus pound	0.8175-0.8275
Finland marks	8.4275-8.4675
Greece drachma	184.50-186.50
Hong Kong dollar	10.9300-10.9440
India rupee	16.65-16.85
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.4230-0.4270
Malaysia dollar	3.4721-3.4766
Mexico peso	495.0-525.0
New Zealand dollar	2.7193-2.7266
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.1335-5.1735
Singapore dollar	3.1041-3.1085
South Africa rand	2.7810-2.7852
United Arab Emirates dirham	5.1630-5.2030

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

It was another day of tight money yesterday, with firm short-dates and little change in the market overall. Although day-to-day money went into a steep and inexplicable decline in the late part of the afternoon, it had been firmly on 12¾ - ⅝ per cent for most of the session.

The close was at about 4 per cent. The periods saw only patchy trading.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 12
Finance House 13

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 12¾ Low 1
Week fixed: 12½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11 17/32	2 months	11 15/32
3 months	11 5/16	3 months	11 3/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month	11 25/32-11¾	2 months	11 17/32-11 15/32
3 months	11 5/16-11¼	6 months	10 29/32-10 19/32

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month	12 13/32	2 months	12 5/32
3 months	11 15/16	6 months	11 11/32

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 12¼-12⅝ close 4

1 week	12 11/16-12 9/16	6 months	11 11/16-11 9/16
1 month	12⅞-12 5/16	9 months	11½-11⅜
3 months	11 15/16-11 25/32	12 months	11 7/16-11 5/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	12½	7 days	12½
1 month	12¼	3 months	11 17/32
6 months	11½	12 months	11

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 month	12⅞-12¾	2 months	12¾-12⅝
3 months	12½-12	6 months	12-11¾
9 months	11⅝-11¼	12 months	11⅝-11⅜

Sterling CDs (%)

1 month	12 25/32-12 23/32	3 months	11⅝-11½
6 months	11¼-11⅛	12 months	11 1/16-10 15/16

Dollar CDs (%)

1 month	7 90-7.80	3 months	8.00-7.90
6 months	8.20-8.10	12 months	8.60-8.50

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8-7
7 days	7⅞-7¾	1 month	8-7⅞
3 months	8 3/16	6 months	8⅜-8¼
Deutschmark		call	5½-4½
7 days	5 1/16-4 15/16	1 month	5 1/16-4 15/16
3 months	5 1/16-4 15/16	6 months	5 3/16-5 1/16
French Franc		call	10-9
7 days	9¾-9⅝	1 month	10¼-10
3 months	10 7/16-10¼	6 months	10 11/16-10 7/16
Swiss Franc		call	2½-1¼
7 days	14¾-14½	1 month	5¼-5⅛
3 months	5¼-5⅛	6 months	5⅞-5⅝
Yen		call	6⅛-5⅞
7 days	6 7/16-6 5/16	1 month	6 9/16-6 7/16
3 months	6⅝-6¼	6 months	6⅝-6¼

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$325.50-327.00 (£231.00-232.25)
Sovereigns* (new):
$75.00-76.00 (£53.25-54 00)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 5 June, 1985, to 2 July, 1985, inclusive: 12.535 per cent.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
198	162	Aberdeen	176		..	9.7	5.5	..
101	87½	Alisa	89½		..	2.0r	2.2	..
699	580	Alliance	611		+1	24.6	4.0	..
155	118	Amer Trust	123		−2	4.1	3.4	..
302	247	Ang Amer Sec	247	●	−2	8.1	3.3	..
145	123	Ashdown	123	●	..	4.2b	3.4	..
120	88	Atlantic Assets	89		−1	0.8	0.8	..
102	83	Bankers	84		−2	3.5b	4.2	..
194	157	Berry	157		−1	1.4b	0.9	..
176	152	Border & Sthrn	154		−1	4.7	3.1	..
215	190	Br Assets	201		..	9.9b	4.9	..
30½	25	Br Empire Sec	29¼		+¼	1.3	4.4	..
373	315	British Inv	315		..	20.3	6.4	..
75	64	Brunner	67	●	..	3.1b	4.7	..
88	72	Charter Agency	75	●	..	3.2b	4.3	..
685	525	Continental	605	●	−3	28.6b	4.7	..
178	127	Crescent Japan	128		−4	1.1	0.9	..
485	385	Delta	395		..	..	..	..
109	97	Derby Inc	103		..	10.2	9.9	..
106	95	Do Cap	102		..	..	..	..
296	264	Drayton Cons	273		..	13.4b	4.9	..
148	112	Drayton Far East	120		..	1.6	1.3	..
420	346	Drayton Japan	396		−2	3.8a	1.0	..
412	369	Drayton Premier	402		..	20.7b	5.2	..
183	162	Dundee Lon	163		..	7.4b	4.6	..
118	89	Edin Amer Asset	98		..	0.6	0.7	..
117	103	Edinburgh	105		−1½	4.1b	3.9	..
292	254	Electric Gen	264		..	5.1	1.9	..
254	226	English Int	231	●	−3	10.0	4.3	..
78	65	English Scot	77		..	1.8	2.3	..
108½	91	English NY	101		−1	3.6	3.5	..
97	79	F & C Alliance	79		−1	2.4	3.1	..
168	128	F&C Pacific	127		−1	5.4	4.2	..
228	186	Family	226		..	9.9	4.4	..
279	242	First Scot Amer	248		−1	12.9b	5.2	..
185	145½	First Un Gen	165		−19	8.7b	5.3	..
580	440	Fleming American	445	●	..	7.5	1.7	..
258	235	Fleming Claver	246		−2	12.8	5.2	..
265	233	Fleming Enterprise	248		−1	11.1	4.5	..
109	76	Fleming Far East	77	●	−2	1.4	1.9	..
113	100	Fleming Fledgling	106		−1	3.6	3.4	..
560	425	Fleming Japan	425	●	−3	4.3	1.0	..
120	106	Fleming Mercantile	106½		..	4.3b	4.0	..
134	104	Fleming Overseas	104	●	−1	3.9	3.8	..
163	122	Fleming Tech	122		−3	3.3	2.7	..
334	276	Fleming Universal	280	●	−2	11.4	4.1	..
74	59½	For Col	60		−2	1.8	3.1	..
121	92	GBC Capital	95		..	..	..	..
185	133	GT Japan	136		..	2.0b	1.5	..
124	97	General Funds	109		−2	..	..	..
261	230	General Cons	246		..	14.3b	5.8	..
125	106	Glasgow Stock	108		−1	2.9b	2.7	..
278	251	Globe	256	●	−3	14.1	5.5	..
246	202	Greenfriar	225		−5	2.3	1.0	..
275	220	Gresham House	220	●	..	6.3	2.9	..
164	138	Hambros	149	●	−1	6.0	4.0	..
257	226	Hill (P)	238	●	..	13.8	5.8	..
549	465	Invest-in Success	465		−5	7.8	1.7	..
235	209	Inv Cap	209		−1	5.2b	2.5	..
62	48½	Japan Assets	48½		−1	0.1	0.1	..
161½	127	Lake View	127	x	−2	3.3	2.6	..
191	154	Law Debenture	154		..	7.9	4.8	..
88	66	Lon Merchant Sec	73		..	2.8	3.8	..
89	68	Lon Trust	71	■	..	3.9	5.5	..
98	86	Merchants	93		−1	5.4b	5.8	..
174	136	Monks	137	●	−½	3.4b	2.5	..
118	108	Murray Income	110		..	6.4n	5.8	..
106	85	Murray Growth	102		..	2.0n	2.0	..
134	112	Murray Intl	117	●	−1½	6.4b	5.5	..
189	163	Murray Small	170		..	3.7b	2.2	..
292	269	Murray Venture	288		−1	6.3b	2.3	..
383	357	New Court	357		..	20.4	5.7	..
77	62	New Darien Oil	62		..	0.5	0.8	..
178	153	1928	153		..	6.7	4.4	..
42½	37	Nwthrog Inc 83	42		..	3.9b	9.2	..
243	164	New Tokyo	164		−2	2.1e	1.3	..
324	252	Nth Atlantic Sec	254		−3	4.6	1.8	..
123	90	Nth Sea Assets	90		..	0.7	0.8	..
283	234	Nthn Amer	236		−1	7.7b	3.3	..
139	126	Outwich	126		..	4.3	3.4	..
107	100	Pacific Assets	100		..	..	..	..
43	33	Do Wrnts	35		..	..	..	..
46	32	Personal Assets	38	●	..	0.3	0.8	..
340	297	Raeburn	297	●	−1	14.1b	4.7	..
137	125	River & Merc	125		..	7.9b	6.3	..
235	198	River Plate	213		−1	10.3	4.8	..
192	168	Robeco	172		..	..	..	..
171	150	Rolinco	154		..	..	..	..
267	230	Romney	231	●	..	6.6b	2.9	..
11⅛	10	Rorento	£10⅛		..	..	..	..
113	96	St Andrews	98		+1	3.7	3.7	..
273	235	Scottish	244	●	..	7.8	3.2	..
245	211	Scot American	229	●	+1	8.4	3.7	..
83½	73	Scot Eastern	75		..	2.7	3.6	..
408	346	Scot Mtge	355		..	10.7b	3.0	..
249	204	Scot Nat	211		..	6.4b	3.0	..
146	119	Scot Nthn	146		..	5.4	3.7	..
383	354½	Scot Merc 'A'	385	●	..	20.0	5.5	..
596	500	Secnd Alliance	524		−4	20.4b	3.9	..
123	105	Sec Of Scotland	115		−1	5.7b	5.0	..
78	64	Smaller Cos	65		..	2.4	3.6	..
38	32	Stewart Enterp	37	●	..	0.6	1.5	..
146	111	Stockholders	112		−1	3.6	3.2	..
100	75	Tr Australia	80		..	2.9	3.7	..
87	78	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	81		−1	4.4b	5.5	..
165	138	Tr Ind & Gen	139		−2	5.8	3.8	..
255	207	Tr Natural Res	207	●	..	10.7	5.2	..
111	84	Tr North America	87		+2	2.8b	3.0	..
148½	116	Tr Pacific Basin	121		..	1.4	1.2	..
145	129	Tr Property	136	●	..	5.1	3.7	..
101	79	Tr Tech	80		−1	2.5	3.1	..
139	124	Tr Trustees	130		..	4.8	3.7	..
124	111	Temple Bar	112		−1	6.6	5.9	..
250	211	Throgmorton	224		−1	10.7r	4.8	..
280	248	Throg Secured Cap	272		..	..	..	..
167	142	Trans Oceanic	144		+2	4.9b	3.4	..
120	103	Tribune	103½	●	..	3.3	3.2	..
79½	74	Triplevest Inc	75½		..	13.4	17.7	..
216	188	US Debenture	194		−2	9.3	4.8	..
82	65½	Viking Resource	65½		−½	1.6	2.8	..
82	61	Westpool	74		..	2.0	2.7	..
110	88	Winterbottom Energy	89	●	..	1.0b	1.1	..
159	138	Witan	141		−2	3.9	2.8	..
294	259	Yeoman	287		..	13.6b	5.1	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
410	260	Akroyd & Smithers	290		..	..	..	11.8
57½	31½	American Express	£31¾	●	−1¼	..	..	..
31	19	Argyle	30		..	..	..	15.3
95	52	Boustead	52		..	..	..	..
115	88	Britannia Arrow	96		..	3.6	3.7	16.5
119	78	CJR Pacific	85	●	..	0.6	0.8	78.0
41	23	Do Warrants	23		..	..	..	..
14¾	8⅞	Daily Mail	£11⅝	●	+⅛	60.0	5.3	12.2
13⅞	8½	Do 'A'	£11⅞	●	..	60.0	5.3	12.1
128	113	Electra	128	●	−1	5.3	4.2	31.3
101	80	Eng Assoc	95		..	4.3b	4.5	13.6
248	176	Exco	189	x	−3	4.3	2.3	15.1
85	68	Exploration	77		..	3.0	3.9	13.7
12½	10	First Charlotte	10⅝		..	0.1	0.7	..
850	700	Framlington	760		..	12.9	1.7	19.5
90	58	Frost (AJ & D)	72		−2	5.0	6.9	10.0
105	44	Goode (D & M)	88		+2	1.8	2.0	15.9
880	678	Henderson Admin	730	●	..	22.9	3.1	10.6
575	398	M & G	535		−15	19.3	3.6	21.3
369	217	Mercantile House	238		−5	17.5	7.3	8.1
405	300	Mills & Allen	317	r	−3	22.9b	7.2	9.9
145	93	Smith Brothers	144	●	..	8.6	6.0	8.5

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	112.7	119.3●	−0.1	10.06
High Inc Equity	68.4	72.8●	−0.1	6.80
Worldwide Bond	142.0	151.1 c	−0.3	8.42
American Growth	134.0	142.6	−0.8	2.21
Asian Pacific	47.0	50.0	+0.3	2.50
Assets & Earns	71.5	76.5	+0.2	2.83
Capital Reserve	56.2	58.5	..	..
Comm & Energy	67.9	73.0	−0.2	3.40
European Capital	47.1	50.1	−0.1	2.89
General	98.0	104.8●	−0.5	3.89
Japan	133.4	143.4	−4.0	..
UK Growth Inc	67.5	72.6	+0.2	2.12
Do Accum	95.9	103.1	+0.2	..
US Emerging Co's	53.8	57.9	−0.2	0.45
Equities Progress	150.8	161.2	−1.1	3.77
AITKEN HUME FUNDS MANAGEMENT 30, City Road, London EC1Y 2AY 01-638 6011				
American Tech	103.0	110.2	−1.1	0.10
Pacific	115.4	123.4	−0.4	0.20
Sec Income Fnd	129.0	138.0●	−5.7	5.84
Special Situations	137.1	146.6	−3.2	1.56
Energy & Res	30.4	32.5●	−0.9	0.10
American Majors	56.1	60.0	−1.3	2.50
Small Co's	26.7	28.5	..	1.97
Japan Technology	46.6	49.8	−1.2	0.10
International Income	49.1	52.5●	−0.1	7.00
Exempt	399.5	427.5●	..	2.36
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Hse, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 211459 & 0277 229128				
First Trust	161.1	171.6	−0.5	4.06
Growth & Income	99.6	106.3	−0.4	4.01
Capital Trust	177.8	189.3	−0.9	3.05
Balanced	268.5	285.9●	−1.3	4.06
Accum Trust	408.9	433.3	−1.3	3.36
American Income	26.5	28.2 c	−1.1	5.32
High Income Tst	180.9	192.7	−0.7	6.92
Equity Income	97.5	103.8●	−0.3	6.23
High Yield	109.5	116.6	−0.4	7.22
Govt Secs Trust	28.7	29.9	−0.1	9.63
International	56.4	60.1●	−0.6	2.30
Japan Fund	52.5	55.9	−0.7	0.01
Pacific Trust	106.7	113.6●	−0.5	1.73
Amer Spcl Sits	56.5	60.3	−0.3	1.90
Secs Of Amer Tst	173.2	184.5	−2.5	1.52
Ald Asset Value	161.7	172.2	+0.1	3.92
Gilt Growth	32.8	34.2	..	3.30
Smaller Co's	90.9	96.8●	..	3.17
2nd Smaller Co's	122.0	129.9	+0.2	3.37
Recovery Trust	65.4	56.0	−0.1	3.17
Met Min & Cmdty	81.7	87.0	−0.6	2.79
O'seas Earnings	138.8	147.8●	−0.8	4.01
Technology Tst	70.7	75.3	−0.6	1.93
Income Exempt	95.8	101.3●	+0.5	6.83
Far East Exempt	115.9	122.9	−1.7	1.49
Exempt Smaller Co's	159.9	169.5	+0.2	3.85
USA Exempt Trust	279.6	296.4	−3.2	1.61
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES 131, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY 01-628 9876 01-280 8540/1/2/3				
Capital Growth Inc	46.1	49.3	..	2.17
Do Accum	49.8	53.2	..	2.17
Commodity	74.0	79.1	..	4.03
Do Accum	124.0	132.6	..	4.03
Do 10% Withdrwl	39.3	42.0	..	4.03
Eastern & Intl	86.3	92.2	..	1.83
Do 6% Withdrawal	48.6	51.9	..	1.63
Finance & Property	46.3	49.5	..	2.29
Foreign Growth Inc	56.9	60.8	..	2.45
Do Accum	57.6	61.6	..	2.45
Gilt & Fixed Income	45.7	48.0 c	..	9.12
Do Accum	71.2	74.9 c	..	9.12
High Income Income	53.7	57.4 c	..	6.91
Do Accum	120.2	128.5 c	..	6.91
High Yield Income	57.9	61.9	..	9.33
Do Accum	142.7	152.6	..	9.33
Managed Fund	48.3	50.9	..	..
North American	73.6	78.7	..	2.54
Preference Income	25.7	27.4●	..	11.23
Do Accum	77.0	82.3●	..	11.23
Smaller Co's Income	92.6	99.0	..	0.98
Do Accum	98.9	105.7	..	0.98
World Penny Share	8.3	8.8●	..	2.26
Portfolio Tst UK	55.7	58.7●	..	2.13
Portfolio Tst Japan	50.1	51.9●	..	0.10
Portfolio Tst US	65.6	66.1●	..	1.22

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
General Inc	110.3	117.2●	..	3.96
Do Accum	147.5	156.8	..	3.96
Gilt Yield Inc	110.8	114.1	..	10.00
Do Accum	182.8	187.9	..	10.00
High Yield Inc	81.9	85.9●	−0.4	7.14
Do Accum	117.5	125.1	−0.7	7.14
Japan Income	125.8	133.1	.	0.54
Do Accum	128.3	133.6	..	0.54
N American Inc	208.1	218.5●	..	1.44
Do Accum	239.3	251.1	..	1.44
Pacific Income	79.3	83.7	..	1.04
Do Accum	88.8	93.8	..	1.04
Smlr Co's Inc	277.9	295.7	..	2.84
Do Accum	323.9	344.6	..	2.84
BRITANNIA GROUP Salisbury Hse, 31, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 5QL 01-588 2777 Dealing 01-638 0478/9 Viewpoint 01-675 5855				
Growth Gilt	53.8	54.6 c	+0.1	0.99
Recovery	73.0	77.9	−0.3	3.02
Smaller Co's	112.8	120.3	..	1.58
Spec Mkt Sits	69.0	73.6	−0.2	1.35
UK Growth	28.5	30.4	+0.1	3.25
Extra Inc	47.9	51.1●	..	8.40
Gilt	25.8	27.2●	..	9.41
Inc & Growth	146.9	156.7	−0.2	5.25
Nat High Inc	139.8	149.1	−0.6	6.39
Pref Shares	17.3	18.5	..	10.90
Commodity	133.9	142.8	−0.9	3.22
Financial Secs	34.3	36.6●	+0.1	2.70
Gold & Gen	20.1	21.7●	−0.5	3.78
Intl Leisure	13.0	13.9	−0.2	1.05
Prop Shares	38.7	41.3	+0.4	1.74
Univ Energy	49.4	52.7●	..	0.93
World Tech	38.1	40.6	..	0.91
Amer Growth	84.0	89.6	−0.6	3.58
Amer Income	54.0	57.6	−0.1	8.21
Amer Smaller Co's	22.4	23.9●	−0.2	1.90
Amer Special	67.3	71.8	−0.4	2.23
Aust Growth	67.3	71.8	+2.8	1.84
Euro Smaller	9.3	9.9	..	1.59
Far East	35.2	37.5	+0.2	1.84
Hong Kong Prf	24.8	26.5●	+0.2	3.06
Intl Growth	26.5	28.3	−0.2	2.12
Japan Perf	33.7	35.9	−0.4	..
Japan Smaller	8.4	9.0	+0.1	..
Exempt	55.9	58.5	−0.1	4.52
Exempt Market	58.4	62.2	−0.8	3.77
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
BS Fund Income	45.4	48.8 c	−0.4	4.50
Do Accum	73.7	78.9 c	−0.5	..
Financial	95.4	102.6	.	3.06
Growth Accum	144.4	156.4	−1.2	..
Do Income	94.2	101.4	−0.7	2.00
High Income	47.0	50.6	+0.1	7.51
Income	54.0	58.0	−0.4	6.57
North American	48.9	52.7●	−0.2	1.28
Orient	43.7	47.1	−0.5	0.24
Recovery	25.5	27.5	−0.2	3.75
Technology	108.7	117.0	−0.7	0.61
Exempt	152.2	163.8	−0.8	3.46
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868				
General Inc (4)	159.4	167.0	+0.9	4.98
Do Accum (4)	247.7	259.5	+1.4	4.98
Income Fund (3)	71.7	75.3	..	6.35
Do Accum (3)	120.3	126.4	..	6.35
Intl Inc (2)	99.7	104.1	..	2.86
Do Accum (2)	129.6	135.3	..	2.86
Smaller Inc (5)	825.7	880.4●	..	1.62
Do Accum (5)	866.3	923.6●	..	1.62
CS FUND MANAGERS 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	41.5	44.1	..	0.49
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	209.7	223.1●	+0.6	4.12
Income	244.4	260.0●	+0.5	5.61
Far East	110.8	117.9	+0.7	0.83
North American	113.6	120.6	−2.7	1.59
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT 100, Old Broad St, London EC2N 1BQ 01-588 6010				

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Tesco family chooses an 'outsider' as chairman

By Cliff Feltham

The late Sir Jack Cohen, who created the Tesco food chain according to the gospel "pile it high, sell it cheap," would scarcely recognize one of today's stores.

The newest, and 100th superstore in north London, has its own bank, pharmacy, patisserie, guavas from South America, salamis from Hungary, a rang of 200 wines and 47 checkouts for customers to wheel their goods away.

It is a far cry from Hackney market where it all began. For some time Tesco has been endeavouring to shrug off its links with the past, the razamatazz, Green Shield stamps and gaudy promotions.

Today marks another step down that road when Mr Ian MacLaurin, aged 48 and a *former footballer*, now the embodiment of the modern retailer, cool and reflective, and architect of the present day Tesco, takes over as the first chairman to come from outside the ranks of the founding family.

Ian MacLaurin: Looking a decade ahead

Succeeding Sir Leslie Porter, he takes charge of a business with profits of £81 million, sales of £3,170 million and a chain of 400 stores. The group he says, is like a tanker slowly trying ot alter course.

Mr MacLaurin joins the elite band of retailers – men like Sir John Sainsbury and Sir Terence Conran – who are shaping the future of Britain's shopping habits.

Tesco, like its competitors, has been spending heavily on opening bigger stores. The average size has increased from barely 11,000 sq ft to amost 17,000 since 1980.

Mr MacLaurin is aware, however, that there is a limit to the number of suitable locations available for the giant stores now being considered, and he is looking beyound the next eight years, examining the greater use of automated shopping, with computer links from stores to libraries, old people's homes and community centres. The prospect of overseas expansion is another possibility.

Mr MacLaurin has retained a vested interest in the high street through his cut-price Victor Value chain. "You are seeing the retail whell move but I have never gone along with the idea that the high street will die because of superstores. You have still got lovely little retail shops.

Mr MacLaurin, who became Tesco's first management trainee when he was appointed by Sir Jack Cohen in 1959, has been managing director since 1973.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Shares fall to lowest point this year

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Shares plunged to their lowest level of the year yesterday. An already hesitant market suffered a sharp lunchtime jolt when **Imperial Chemical Industries**, regarded by many as the bellwether stock disclosed acutely disappointing interim profits and added to the discomfort with a far from cheerful statement.

ICI, standing at 880p earlier this year, slumped 30p to 659p, their 1985 low.

Perfect timing from Jacksons, the Australian stockbroker. The firm is underwriting an offer for sale in a small gold mining company in Western Australia, just as South African mining shares fall from grace. Mount *Burgess Gold Mining Company* N L believes there is ore next to an old productive field, and 7.5 million shares are on offer in the new venture at AusS 0.20 each (10p).

Sterling's continuing strength, which, as ICI has shown, is having an inhibiting influence on Britain's leading companies, and the discontent in South Africa are other factors which have helped to pull shares back from their 1,000 points-plus peak reached earlier in the year.

A Confederation of British Industry warning that high interest rates were hitting industry and the indecisiveness of the Opec meeting were other unsettling influences yesterday.

At the close, the FT 30-share index was down 15 points at 911.0 points, just slightly above its worst level of the day. The 100-strong FT-SE share index finished at 1,221.7 points, down 14.5 points. Its decline below 1,230 points took it through a chart break-out point.

According to Datastream, the market slide wiped £2.528 billion from stock market values.

In after-hours trading the market went even lower and there are now strong fears that the FT 30-share index will fall through the crucial 900 points today the last day of this account.

The ICI interim results have prompted many analysts to suggest that the group's year's figures will tumble below £1 billion. Much depends on the strength of sterling. Some instant predictions were as low as £920 million.

Second quarter figures from Shell Oil, the US subsidiary of the **Royal Dutch/Shell Group**, failed to help market sentiment either. Shell Oil reported net income of $337 million (£240 million), a figure which is well down on last year's comparable $418 million. On a quarter-by-quarter basis, the results were $41 million ahead of Shell Oil's first quarter figures.

Analysts seized on the poor figures as evidence that group figures for Shell, due out on August 9, would be fairly pedestrian, with the group failing to maximize its refining margins, as production volumes slumped.

Analysts at de Zoete & Bevan, the stockbroker, see **British Petroleum** as much the better bet among the oil majors. According to Mr Ian Watts and Mr Chris Rowland, BP's refining margins are looking very healthy, while production volumes may have held up well, thanks to the North Sea. BP is unlikely to suffer the same kind of currency losses which are forecast for Shell.

But, just to underline that it takes many views to make a market, Mr Richard Lake, chartist at Raphael, Zorn, the broker, says BP shares are a sell. After a modest rally he expects them to fall to 450p. Yesterday the shares were 511p.

One blue chip to offer a shred of comfort was **Imperial Group**, the brewing and tobacco company. It jumped 8p to 174p at one time as stories flowed that Marriott Hotels, the large American group, had renewed its interest in Howard Johnson, the American catering and hotel chain which Imps has been trying to sell for about a year.

Marriott was, for some months, regarded as the front runner in the Imps negotiations. But then it dropped out of the bidding and a Canadian led consortium emerged as the favourite to buy the troubled American investment of Imps.

But in yesterday's distressed conditions, Imps could not hold its elevated price level. In the words of one market man: "The sellers crowded in at the higher level". The shares closed at 169p, still 3p higher on the day.

Among those companies suffering from the problems in South Africa is **McKechnie Brothers** an industrial and engineering companies which last year made more than 21 per cent of pretax profits from the Republic. Yesterday its share price fell 9p to 113p, having touched a new trading low of 112p.

Barlow Rand, the South African-based conglomerate, continued to drop, the share price losing 35p to 405p. The shares now trade at their lowest level for the year and have lost 75p in the past week.

Standard Chartered Bank looks similarly unhappy. The shares fell 12p to 442p, a new low for the price.

AE Shares are also being hurt by the South African crisis, although a series of profit forecast downgradings is doing most of the damage. Yesterday AE fell 8p to 115p as some analysts talked of the pretax figure being £20 million against previous estimates of £26 million. The shares have fallen 24p since Monday morning.

Clouds are lifting from S & W Berisford. British farmers have agreed a 3 per cent price cut for raw sugar beet, and, with recent price increases for the processed variety, British Sugar can look forward to a £15 million *increase in trading profits in* 1986. That takes the trading figure back towards the 1984 £70 million level, against what is expeed to be a disappointing £50 million for the year to September 1985. Berisford shares were 2p up at 163p yesterday.

Shares in gold mining companie again slid down as the bulion price fell on world markets. Losses among mining equities were as much as $3 or $4 for those quoted in dollars, while those priced in sterling showed double fgure falls. **Consolidated Gold Fields** for example fell 25p to 454p.

Jaguar, the car maker whose share price has drifted down alongside the weakening dollar showed signs of improvement. The price picked up 4p to 260p, athough that is a long way off the peak of around 360p this year.

Pearson shares fell again, down 18p at 305p. The publishing to industrial group has fallen out of favour with certain analysts who have been worried by cashflow problems at Goldcrest, the films subsidiary, and difficulties in the publishing division.

Investors seemed uncertain about **Bowater Industries**. The price touched 318p then slid back to 303p, a net loss of 13p on the day, as caution got the upper hand. The question being asked was: Will Hanson Trust make a full offer for Bowater, or just take a profit on its 7.03 per cent stake?"

Electricals suffered another dim day. **Racal Electronics** again reflected a profit downgrading by Scott, Goff, Layton, the broker, and fell 6p to 128p. **STC**, hit by reports that Sir Kenneth Cornfield, chairman, is about to depart, eased 4p to 88p. **Plessey** lost 8p to 138p.

It is believed that **Ferranti** executives lunched at a prominent City broking house. If they *did they failed* to generate any cheer. Stories suggesting that this year's profits will be little changed left the shares 8p lower at 108p.

As the lobbying in the **Guiness-Arthur Bell and Sons** bid battle continued, Bell eased 1p to 239p and Guinness held at 245p.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
ATA Selection 5p Ord (59a)	58
Abbey Life 5p Ord (180)	226
Appletree 10p Ord (138a)	135
Blanchards 10p Ord (75a)	80
Bradstock Group 5p Ord (170)	171+3
Brent Walker 10p Ord (130)	111
Cranbrook Elect 5p Ord (70a)	77
F K B Group 5p Ord (140a)	151
First Security 10p Ord (160)	95-2
Goodhead Print 20p Ord (88a)	80
Green Property IR25p Ord (78)	68
Heavitree Brew 25p Ord (a)	385
Do A Lim Voting	355
JBL 10p Ord (140)	140+4
Isotron 25p Ord (125)	158
Michael J Design 2.5 Ord (44a)	53+3
Micro Scope 10p Ord (120)	102–1
Nordic Inv Trust 10p Ord (50)	49
Pacer Systems $0.01 Com Stk (170a)	140
Polypipe 10p Ord (99a)	111
Prestwick Holdings 5p Ord (100)	72–1
Prontaprint Hldgs 10p Ord (138a)	130
Salvesen (Christian) 25p Ord (115)	123–1
Sapphir Petroleum 50p Ord (150a)	98–2
Sturge Hldgs 20p Ord	330–2
Trilion 10p Ord (73a)	74
Rights issues	
Baker Perkins (165) Nil Pd	5prem+1
Bestwood (180) Nil Pd	50prem+7
Extel (208) Nil Pd	23perm–8
Hanson Tst (165) Ptly Pd	104
Hazelwood Foods (210) Nil Pd	393prem
New Cavendish (77) Nil Pd	½prem
Prestwich Hldgs (120) Nil Pd	5prem

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities. *by tender.

Traded option highlights

Traded options business rallied yesterday after being quiet mid-week. Total trades numbered 8,171, with only three contracts scoring high volumes.

Trading interest in the Stock Exchange index option was high, and 678 calls and 2,973 puts were dealt in.

ICI options were also in favour alongside the profits announcement, and a total of 1,038 contracts were traded.

Some 914 sterling dollar options changed hands in conjunctions with the continued fever of activity on world foreign exchange markets.

Prices among options remained comparatively subdued, with no significant movements recorded.

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ICI first half year 1985

The Board of Directors of Imperial Chemical Industries PLC announce the following unaudited trading results of the Group for the first half of 1985, with comparative figures for 1984.

ICI Group financial highlights
'Group' means ICI and its subsidiaries. '£m' means millions of pounds sterling

1984 *First Half* *£m*	*Year** *£m*		1985 *First Half* *£m*
		Turnover (Sales to customers outside the Group)	
1,182	2,346	Chemicals - UK	1,240
3,105	6,474	- Overseas	3,874
518	1,089	Oil	468
4,805	9,909	**Total turnover**	5,582
532	1,034	**Profit before taxation**	535
315	605	**Net profit attributable to parent company, before extraordinary items**	319
51.4p	98.2p	**Earnings** (before extraordinary items) per £1 Ordinary Stock	50.7p
12.0p	30.0p	**Dividends** (net) per £1 Ordinary Stock	13.0p

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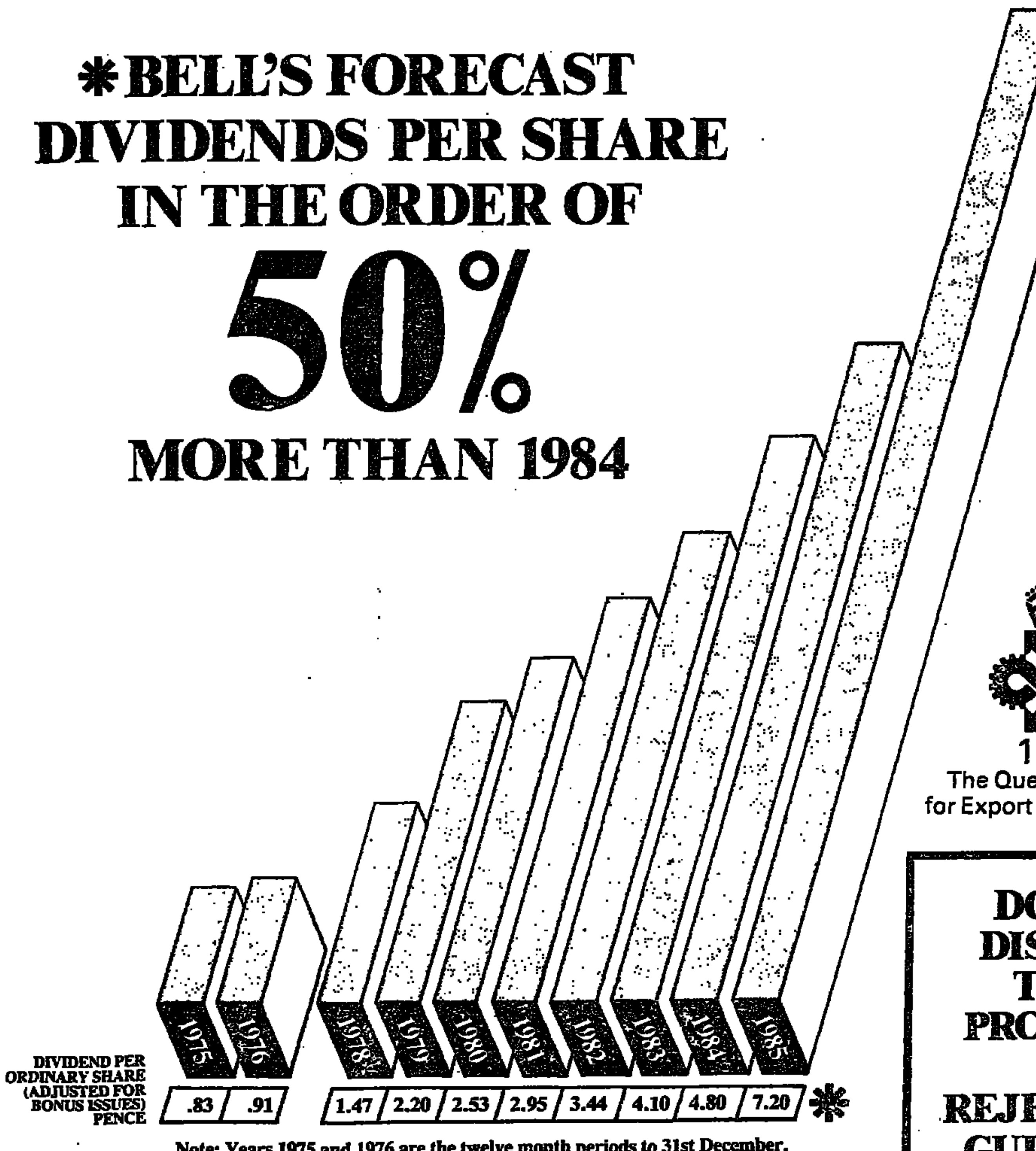

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1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
42[illegible]	32½	Citicorp	£33½	● −[illegible]	208	6.2	..
72	39	Clive	39	● ..	3.6	9.2	7.1
38	28	Com Bank Wales	37	..	..	..	..
86½	42¾	Commerzbank	£54⅞	−1	6.0	0.1	..
153¼	104¾	Deutsche Bank	£139	−3⅝	1200	8.6	..
105	74½	First Nat Finance	102	+3	..	..	7.2
372	294	Gerrard Nat	302	..	18.9	6.2	17.6
78	55	Guinness Peat	63	..	2.3	3.6	15.0
183	131	Hambros	143	● ..	9.3	6.5	11.9
16	12½	Do (30p)	£15	● ..	92.9	5.8	13.3
363	273	Hill Samuel	276	● −4	16.5	6.0	7.3
99	68½	HK Shanghai	70½	● +½	..	..	..
278	253	Joseph (Leopold)	258	..	16.1	6.0	14.1
188	152	King & Shaxson	154	..	11.8	7.7	18.5
505	375	Kleinwort Benson	405	−5	20.0	4.9	9.2
422	346	Lloyds	392	..	25.2	6.4	6.0
29	22	Manson	25	..	1.6	6.4	9.6
503	366	Mercury Secs	436	● ..	22.9	5.3	6.7
399	322	Midland	379	..	36.4	9.6	6.3
270	173	Nat Aust Bk	243	● ..	..	..	..
719	567	Nat West	679	..	36.5	5.4	5.8
90	66½	Ottoman	£79½	● ..	550	6.9	17.1
229	193	Provident	223	+2	15.0	6.7	8.4
80	63	Rea Bros	66	..	1.3	2.8	20.2
118	82	Rothschild (J) Hld	96	● −1	6.5	6.8	11.4
21¼	15⅞	Royl Bnk Of Can	£15⅝	● −¼	..	..	..
294	216	Royl Bnk Of Scot	260	..	12.8	4.8	9.6
888	728	Schroders	808	−10	28.4	3.0	12.2
70	39	Smith St Aubyn	46	..	2.9	6.2	4.2
542	442	Stand Chart	442	−12	40.7	9.2	6.9
746	603	Union	663	r −5	52.9b	7.7	8.8
79	58	Wagon	71	..	4.8	6.8	9.5
51[illegible]	38[illegible]	Wells Fargo	£41[illegible]	−1¼	..	..	..
275	240	Wintrust	270	..	6.4	2.4	18.2

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1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
365	290	BAT	298	−10	14.7	6.0	6.1
222	162	Imperial	169	+3	12.2	7.2	9.4
205	116	Rothmans 'B'	127	+1	9.1	7.2	8.3

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend c Corrected price e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

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INDUSTRY TODAY

Why UK firms lose out in Third World

By John Lawless

AID COMMITMENTS 1983 ($ million)

	Bilateral	of which grants	Multi-lateral	Total	Ratio
France	4,380	3,298	722	5,102	6:1
Germany	2,271	1,342	953	3,234	2:1
Japan	3,483	1,069	1,903	5,386	2:1
United Kingdom	927	879	701	1,627	1:1
United States	6,989	5,613	2,493	9,482	3:1

Source: OECD Development Co-operation 1984 Review

Whitehall is rethinking its opposition to the use of aid subsidies in competition for important contracts in the developing world.

In February, Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, called companies trying to push the Government into providing excessively soft loans to the Third World "the Militant Tendency of the export movement".

He said the Government would continue to use selective aid-backed loans because "our companies must not be driven out of the market by kamikaze loss-leaders".

Three months later, the Trafalgar House subsidiary, Cleveland Bridge, had lost the Bosporus Bridge contract to Mitsubishi Industries and Nippon Kokkan, backed by a $606 million credit package that included $205 million confirmed by Tokyo.

An investigation by *The Times* had shown that it was slowness by government departments in putting forward an agreed aid-backed bid, and not the bid itself, which had allowed the Japanese-dominated consortium to snatch the work.

However, the policy review is based on more than that. A team of idustrialists who visited China in March, led by the Minister without Portfolio, Lord Young, was told everywhere it went that Britain would get contracts – if it put the right sort of finance forward.

More important, though, was Mrs Thatcher's own trip to the Far East, and particularly her meeting with President Suharto of Indonesia, in April. She returned to London and promptly called a meeting of Mr Tebbit, Mr Nigel Lawson (Chancellor) and Sir Geoffrey Howe (Foreign Secretary).

How, they were asked, can British firms start competing with their rivals in Japan, France (the most profligate soft loan offender), West Germany (which uses them much more discreetly) and anyone else playing the game?

The review which ensued, conducted with a hitherto unknown urgency, is understood to have made several recommendations.

First, Britain should take the lead in offering aid-related packages rather than, as now, simply matching other people's terms.

Second, the number of countries qualifying for grants from the Aid and Trade Provision (ATP) should be increased. This is especially important if Britain is to have a strong presence over many years ahead in China, and the announcement two weeks ago that China now qualifies for ATP is a signal that vital parts of a new policy are already being implemented.

Third, ATP must be increased. But by how much? It is worth £66 million a year, which seems pitifully small compared with the massive loans being deployed by French and Japanese companies. A doubling would put British industry on an equal footing for those projects which it could hope to win.

Unless the Government is going to increase the total aid budget substantially, however – highly unlikely, given that it was raised by just £31 million to £1,130 million in 1985-86 – a larger slice for ATP must mean less going to developing countries most in need. They are only eligible for ATP if their economies are strong enough to justify insured credit packages, worth three times as much as the aid, being put in place alongside.

The top 10 recipients of British bilateral aid last year took 60 per cent of the total. But they would not match up with a top 10 ranking of priority markets for contractors. They were India, Kenya, Bangladesh, Zambia, Tanzania, Indonesia, Sudan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Pakistan.

Three-quarters of bi-lateral British aid goes to Commonwealth countries. Indonesia came into the top 10 last year to boost the number of Far East recipients that companies would (on strictly best-opportunity terms) like to see included. But that was only because of the resuscitation of the £250 million Mrica hydro-electric scheme, won by an Anglo-Swedish consortium, including Balfour Beatty.

British contractors accept that, if Japan deploys six times as much bilateral aid, Japanese companies will automatically win contracts worth six times as much.

But the figures for 1983 from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development show why British companies are demanding more support almost as a right. The figures reflect the total aid picture (not just ATP), and show how competitors give vastly more bilaterally. The French ratio is six to one. Britain's is lowest, at 59 per cent of our total aid budget in 1984.

Bilateral aid ties work to the donor country. But Britain gives a much higher proportion as 100 per cent grants, which dilutes the effect in terms of the sheer volume of contracts.

France tends to give a 25 per cent grant, tied into a financial package.

The skilful way in which the French Government-business nexus operates – with industry-by-industry groupings often identifying factories that need work, and then matching them with requirements in countries where the French government wants to make a gesture – is only just being recognized outside the contracting business. It is "tractor diplomacy", sometimes spiced up with Mirage aircraft or nuclear fuel.

When competing on equal terms – for multilaterally funded projects via the agencies' bid-vetting process – British contractors do better than their rivals. Britain wins contracts worth 120 per cent of its annual contributions to agencies.

Where Britain is not competing, apparently, is in the diplomatic trade double-talk, when a mixed credit or soft-loan-packaged contract gets closer to decision day. The Japanese and French are known suddenly to improve their bids, perhaps by shaving interest rates or lengthening repayment periods.

Rules, laid down by the OECD under the consensus agreement, supposedly govern these. But those rules also stipulate that, when a country is suspected of softening the terms, only official agencies, such as Britain's Export Credits Guarantee Department, can directly challenge government bodies such as Miti in Japan or Coface in France.

If the latter deny knowledge of any illegal bidding (perhaps by claiming that their companies have gone into the financial markets to put together easier packages of their own), Britain is unable to respond. The ECGD is allowed to match such soft-loan terms only when a country owns up – and contractors say that often happens only after a contract has been placed.

Japanese companies do have the facility, because of lower domestic market interest rates, to raise non-subsidized finance at market rates which are below the consensus rates.

The British Government is worried about the cost of the "interest rate make-up" – or the difference between commercial rates and consensus rates, which the Treasury has to pay to the banks. The Government wants to see the OECD rules much more tightly enforced, although this would appear to favour countries with lower market interest rates.

It also wants the City to help to put in place the really long-term jumbo-loans (perhaps over 25 years) at finer rates.

But there are several reasons why, for the present, twice as much ATP would suffice. OECD rules demand that an ATP grant must be worth at least 25 per cent of a contract to discourage mere topping up. But that applies only to the portion of the work coming directly back to the donor country which is usually much less than the whole sum, including local costs.

The Overseas Development Administration already over-commits the ATP budget by three times (on the principle that one bid in three is likely to become an order. And, any sum allocated to a project is released only gradually over the contract's life of seven, 10 or more years.

The annual kitty, therefore, is not soaked up simply by the winning of a Mexican steel mill (the £35 million for which was the largest grant ever given), or a metro contract in Colombia (which was not won, in spite of £40 million being offered).

In theory, the ODA can support bids worth up to £750 million a year.

In practice, only £33 million and £52 million of ATP was used in the past two years, which argues against industry demands for more.

The contractors, however, say that this under-spend results from the way in which ATP is administered. The ODA is charged with taking too long to assess whether a project will enhance a country's development.

More importantly, they say that bids pile up early in the year, thereby not allowing others in. The advisory Overseas Projects Board has called for the Government to allow any unused ATP to roll over into another year. This has been denied so far, and a straightforward increase in its size seems much more likely.

The fourth recommendation of Mrs Thatcher's ministerial working group is that the whole bureaucracy of giving aid must be sharpened up; and that could lead to responsibility for ATP administration being taken away from the ODA.

Its officials will fight that tooth and nail, seeing it as not just an erosion of their job and rights, but a move towards the much-disliked French style of aid disbursement.

The autumn battle over public spending is looming, where opponents of an ATP increase will try to trim it back. But, as one contractor claims: "A doubling now would still only leave us standing still, because the Japanese and French are constantly moving their financial techniques ahead".

Guide to the types of assistance

● Multilateral aid is given direct to development agencies such as the World Bank, regional bodies like the African, Asian and Inter-American Development Banks, to UN agencies, Commonwealth programmes and as part of the EEC aid programme. It has been increasing as a proportion of total British aid in recent years and now represents about two-fifths, but is in no way tied to the purchase of British goods.

● Bilateral aid makes up the rest of the British aid expenditure – 72 per cent of last year's £673 million was tied to the purchase of British goods or services (including salaries) with the rest going on locally produced or labour in the recpient country. A high proportion, £240 million, was designated for specific projects and the same amount was given to countries on the understanding that it would be spent on British expertise. The specialists ranged from teachers to consultants in engineering and agriculture and firms conducting feasibility studies. A further £37 million provided foreign exchange for buying things like essential spare parts for factory machinery.

● The aid and trade provision is the commercial part of the bilateral aid programme. Projects have to be "of a development nature", but the cash is there for orders which contractors see as being important, rather than as an Overseas Development Administration priority. It provides aid to match concessionary finance being offered by competitors. Firms are not allowed to approach the ODA direct for this type of help. They have to put in their requests for aid via the Department of Trade and Industry.

● Mixed credit packages were invented by the French and are the subject of the most controversy. They contain both aid and concessionary finance and are increasingly used in spite of strong opposition and threats from countries like the United States.

● The OECD consensus is supposed to govern the insured part of any package. This consensus is the "gentleman's agreement" among industrial countries which was first put in place in 1976. There are no rules as such, but guide lines on interest rates and repayment periods are supposed to follow. The consensus was intended to be "a step towards bringing international competition in offering subsidized export credit packages under control", but it has come close to breaking down several times in recent years.

The consensus sets minimum interest rates according to how relatively rich or poor a developing country is, and is divided into three categories. The rates currently start as low as 9.85 per cent for the poorest countries and reach as high as 12.25 per cent. It allows for variations in interest rate levels in the lending countries. It also sets maximum repayment periods, the longest of which is 10 years.

COMPANY NEWS

● **BANCO DE SANTANDER:** Interim dividend 17 cents (same for six months to June 30. Figures in $ million. Stockholders equity 638.7 (591.4). Customers' deposits 8574.2 (7283.9). Loans and discounts 4548.3 (3837.3). Cash flow 168.3 (118.9). Pretax income 65.6 (58.6). Net income 48.4 (43.2). Earnings per share 55 cents (49 cents).

● **ACE BELMONT INTERNATIONAL:** Six months to February 28. Figures in £000. Sales 17,265 (14,292). Group trading profit 151 (384). Bank interest payale 42 (76). Pretax profit 109 (308). Estimated tax nil (nil). Earnings per share 0.24p (9.71p).

● **LEDA INVESTMENT TRUST:** First interim dividend 2.45p (2.1p). For six months to June 30. Figures in £000. Gross revenue 258 (228). Expenses 17 (24). Interest on debenture 13 (13). Tax 72 (59). Revenue after tax 156 (133).

● **BESPAK:** Dividend 2.5p (2.25), making 4.25p (3.75p) for 53 weeks to May 3, 1985. With figures in £000. turnover was 12,668 (10,253), pretax profit 2,265 (2,108).

● **EQUITY CONSORT INVESTMENT TRUST:** Net asset values per shae at June 30, 1985 were: £1 ordinary – 374p; 50p deferred – 549p.

● **BOOTHAM ENGINEERS:** Six months to April 30. Interim 2p (Single dividend 6p previous year). Figures in £000. Turnover 4,472 (4,045). Operating profit 301 (126). Interest payable 63 (90). Pretax profit 238 (36). Tax 91 (17). Earnings per share 14.12p (1.86p).

● **KENYON SECURITIES:** Final dividend, payable October 1, 6.25p making 9.375p (same) for the year to March 31. Figures in £000. Turnover 4,644 (3,989). Pretax profit 434 (413). Tax 190 (203). Extraordinary credit 45 (nil).

● **NMC INVESTMENTS:** Dividend, payable October 1, 1p (same) for year to March 31. Figures in £000. Turnover 3,722 (3,484). Pretax profit 183 (251) being the parent company profit 204 (203). Subsidiaries loss 21 (profit 48). Tax 42 (41). Minorities 5 (3). Profit after tax 145 (207). Extraordinary debits 22 (11).

● **WOODHOUSE AND RIXSON:** Half year to June 30. Interim dividend 1p (0.25p). The directors intend to recommend final for 1985 of a similar amount, making 2p (1p). Figures in £000. Turnover 5,485 (4,572). Trading profit 573 (83). Interest paid 41 (59). Pretax profit 532 (24).

● **FORSHAWS BURTONWOOD:** The board prosposes to maintain, for the present year, the dividend of 10p per share on the ordinary as increased by the rights issue.

● **STAVELEY:** The chairman, Mr W. K. Roberts, said at the annual meeting that the company's internal targets had been met and showed a satisfactory increase over the same period last year.

● **BURMAH OIL:** The company is to acquire from Atlantic Oil Corporation and other interests the stock of Leed Petroleum Corporation, of Denver, Colorado, and a subsidiary, Leed Colombia Corporation.

● **TDK CORPORATION:** Figures for the six months to May 31. Figures in yen millions on a non consolidated basis. Net sale 184740 (171508). Operating income 29770 (28336). Recurring income 31310 (28131). Interim net income 15180 (13781). Interim net income per share yen, 138.74 (yen 251.96 adjusted). Dividend yen 20 (yen 20).

● **DRAYTON PREMIER INVESTMENT TRUST:** six months to June 30. Interim dividend 5.5p (3p). Figures in £000. Dividends and interest 3,146 (2,996). Deposit interest 488.5 (81). Underwriting and other commissions 93 (39). Earnings per share 6.84p 5.56p).

● **INTERNATIONAL SIGNAL:** The chairman, Mr J H Guerin, said at the annual meeting that the integration of Si.El. into the group was making progress. The board expected Si.El. to provide a valuable addition to the company range.

● **M L HOLDINGS:** It has sold the business of its subsidiary Crown Foundry to a subsidiary of Barbel Investments for £600,000, satisfied by the issue of loan stock and ordinary (19.9 per cent).

● **TUSKAR RESOURCES:** A decision on further drilling on Licence 1/83 is to be taken before the end of the year. In past year, the consortium has purchased a further 4,834 kilometres of new seismic data with additional data on other wells drilled recently in the Celtic sea.

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Continental Trust	12%
Co-operative Bank	12%
C. Hoare & Co	12%
Lloyds Bank	12%
Midland Bank	12%
Nat Westminster	12%
TSB	12%
Williams & Glyn's	12%
Citibank NA	

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We'd like to show you how a merger of Guinness and Bells will enable you to participate in a group with exciting growth prospects.

GUINNESS AND BELLS APART

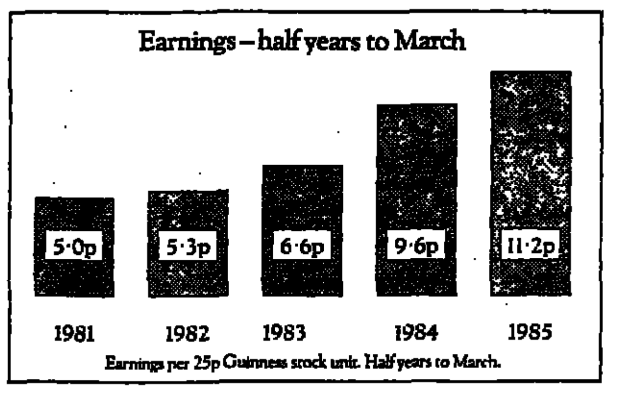
The truth is, Guinness has a definite sense of direction. Bells doesn't appear to have.

The revitalisation of Guinness has been no hit and miss affair. Earnings per share have grown by no less than 122 per cent over the three years to 30th September 1984.

Guinness' share price has steadily climbed as the Stock Market has recognised the achievements and the positive direction brought to Guinness by its new management team since 1981. Bells' share price has underperformed the relevant market sector by 43 per cent between its peak on 17th February 1983 and 14th May 1985, before bid rumours.

Guinness has successful twin growth strategies.

Profit growth for today, by continuous improvement in established businesses, International Beverages and Retailing.

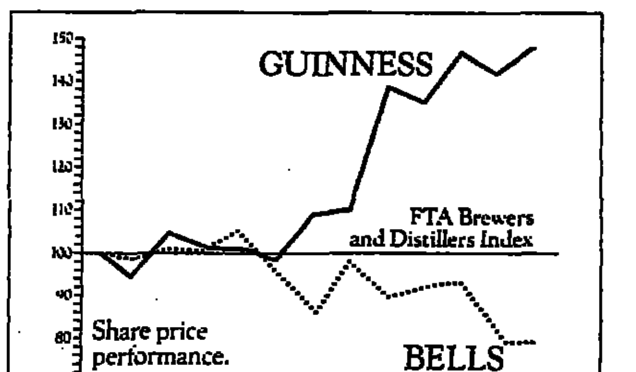


Earnings per 25p Guinness stock unit. Half years to March.

Profit growth for tomorrow by investment in growth sectors within our established businesses and in exciting new areas such as Healthcare and Publishing.

Trading profits from Retailing and other non brewing activities rose to £6.7 million in the half year to 31st March 1985 from £1.8 million in the half year to 31st March 1984.

The story at Bells is somewhat more sobering.



Relative performance of Guinness stock unit price and the Bells ordinary share price compared to the FT – Actuaries Brewers and Distillers Index on a monthly basis from 14th May 1984 to 14th May 1985. Source: Datastream

Its diversification activities have been rather less successful. Canning Town Glass, for instance, has lost £2.4 million over the last four financial years. The refurbishment of Bells' Piccadilly Hotel in London is now expected to cost at least 60 per cent more than the original £10 million estimate, and it is still unfinished in what should be its most lucrative season.

Perhaps the most important disciplines the new management team has brought to Guinness are real marketing and advertising skills. The result has been to reverse the decline in our core brewing business.

Meanwhile Bells' share of the U.K. Scotch Whisky market has declined by 20 per cent since 1980.

Guinness sales to the U.S. have risen by 81 per cent by volume in the three years to 31st March 1985.

Bells has failed to make its promised inroads into the crucial U.S. market.

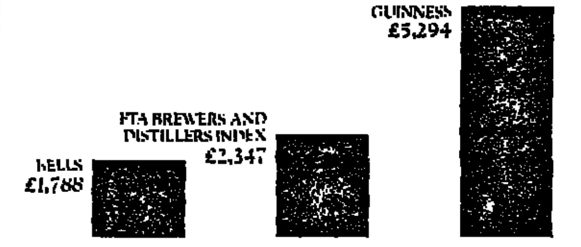
GUINNESS AND BELLS MIXED

Guinness has considerable regard for the Bells' brand and its distilling skills.

Bringing together the skills of the two companies would create a force in the world's drinks market of considerably greater potential than Bells alone ever could. And obviously, bigger sales of Bells would lead to greater job security.

Indeed, Guinness' faith in the venture is clear by the guarantee given that there will be no redundancies as a result of Bells becoming a member of the Guinness Group, and the fact that Bells would continue to be managed in Perth.

Capital Value at 14th May 1985 of £1,000 invested at 30th September 1981



The capital value at 14th May 1985 of an investment of £1,000 made at 30th September 1981 in Guinness and in Bells, and also of a notional investment in the FT-Actuaries Brewers and Distillers Index over that period.

On 14th May 1985, before bid rumours, Bells' shares languished at 143p. You are not only being offered a substantial premium over this price, but also shares in an exciting, enlarged group.

We strongly recommend you accept our offer. Because as you can see, Guinness is not only good for you, but good for Bells, good for Bells employees and good for Scotland as well.

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

How Swallow took flight

By Michael Prest

Only one thing is more difficult than starting a small business: how to keep it growing. A successful enterprise can quickly expand to the point where the entrepreneur is forced to trade control over the firm for extra capital. But for Shaun Merrick and Chris Robinson, *the prospect of sharing ownership of* Swallow Business System was very welcome.

Swallow began trading in autumn 1983, marketing its founders' pet project, a software package for business called Micro Treasurer. The programme allows corporate treasurers readily to keep track of their short-term financial commitment.

The programme was partly aimed at banks, and very early on a student doing a summer job at Swallow approached the Bank of America. A marketing relationship quickly grew up between the world's biggest bank and one of the world's more modest software companies. Bank of America sold the programme under the name of International Treasurer; 150 copies have been sold around the globe.

Both sides quickly realized that the marketing relationship would have either to develop or be dropped. Chris Winter of Bank of America says: "We knew nine months ago that we had to get much closer or further apart."

Mr Merrick had no doubts about the best way forward. "I think independence is virtually valueless", *he says bluntly. The choice* was between going to the unlisted securities market and giving the powerful distributor a direct stake in the business. What Merrick and Robinson did not want was to be tied like a Marks & Spencer supplier.

Free to develop

So they sold 51 per cent of Swallow to Bank of America earlier this month. Merrick and Robinson get the money. Both sides are coy about the amount and a strong source of capital and interntional marketing. At the same time they are free to develop new products. Companion programmes are planned: Investment Manager, due out in September, will deal with longer-term debts; Investment Manager and Bank Relationship Manager, out next year, will handle the connections between banks and the maximization of a given portfolio.

Bank of America gains access to the vital programme codes, without which its capacity to develop programmes was limited, and of course to the skills of Merrick, Robinson and *Mark Taylor who work with them.* Chris Winter says the bank has a long-term commitment to developing an integrated suite of programmes.

Merrick is quite realistic about what has happened. He says: "We had to accept the offer." He stresses that the company will remain entrepreneurial. But Bank of America is taking no chances. Merrick and Robinson sport the golden handcuffs of payments related to profits and product development.

In the long term, Merrick expects that he will start up again. He says: "The biggest pressure on us is professional pride." But he repeats the warning: "I would want to tie the distributor." In the present state of the USM and with real interest still high, it is a route to expansion that *merits serious thought.*

■ Susan Birley, left, is Britain's first research professor in small business and the first woman professor appointed at a business school, *Derek Harris writes.*Her small business *research chair* was announced this week by the Cranfield School of Management, part of the Cranfield Institute of Technology in Bedfordshire. Her husband, Professor David Norburn, is also taking up a Cranfield appointment in business policy studies. For three years, they have been in the US, where Professor Birley has been studying small business developments. Both were *previously at the London Business* School. The move is part of Cranfield's expansion in the small-business sector after the establishment of a small business development unit last year by Professor Paul Burns. The new centre aims to develop a quality database on small businesses.

■ Nurdin & Peacock, which claims to be Britain's largest cash and carry wholesaler, is launching a series of films and seminars to help small shops with problems. In three pilot schemes, four films – *inwhich Kenneth Williams, Nerys* Hughes and Rodney Bewes have roles – were found to have a bigger impact than more formal presentations.

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By Derek Harris

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Both centres are *likely* to be opened during the autumn, although details of financial support needed are still being worked out.

The moves are seen as part of the drive to speed the use in retailing of the latest technological advances. *On offer will be* information and independent advice on computers, software programmes and the various applications. These include electronic tills, microcomputers, equipment for laser scanning of bar-coded goods and the electronic payment of bills.

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Dated this 18th day of July 1985.

R. A. SEGAL
Liquidator

Re: R. A. SMITH INTERIORS & CONSTRUCTION Limited
and
The COMPANIES ACT 1948
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Barbican City Hotel, Central St., London EC1 on Thursday the 8th day of August, 1985 at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 12th day of July 1985.

Secretary
Anita R. Steinman.

Re: PROMPT CEMENT PRODUCTS LIMITED
and the Companies Act 1948
NOTICE is HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Barbican City Hotel, Central Street, London EC1 on Thursday the 22nd day of August, 1985 at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 15th day of July 1985.

Alick J. IZATT.
Secretary.

Re: HARPYARD LIMITED
and the Companies Act 1985
NOTICE is HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 588 of the Companies Act, 1985, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 18 Denehurst Gardens, Woodford Wells, Essex IG8 0PA on Thursday the 1st August, 1985 at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 589 and 590 of the said Act.

Dated this 18th day of July 1985.

P. G. GREEN.
Director.

Re: CHEMICAL INVESTMENTS Limited. [illegible]

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TEMPUS

High pound mars grand strategy of ICI

Lawson five, ICI zero. Mr Nigel Lawson can hardly be Sir John Harvey-Jones' favourite Chancellor. The high interest regime currently in favour is helping to destroy the ICI chairman's grand strategy.

ICI sells much of its output in Marks. The sterling mark exchange rate is therefore of crucial importance to its results. In recent months it has been severely hit by the rise of sterling against the German currency. Mr Howard Coates, of de Zoete & Bevan, the stockbroker, believes it has destroyed the competitive gains ICI has achieved since 1980.

Despite a one fifth reduction in the work-force ICI's costs are no lower relative to ICI's German competitors than they were five years ago.

The rise in sterling cost £50 million to £60 million in the latest three months. It left the seasonally stronger second quarter's profits little better than those of the previous period at £268 million. They were £19 million down on the second quarter of 1984.

The company was just as disappointed as the stock market by these figures. And its cautious view of the second hald is reflected in a cautious 1p increase in the interim dividend. Analysts had been hoping for at least 2p. The shares fell 30p to 659p.

Despite the volumes of research on ICI, the market was surprised by the extent of the currency effect. And it seems ICI was dealt a double blow.

But even without the currency effect margins would have fallen. ICI achieved volume gains in both of the latest three-month periods, but it faid to impose price increases. The company denies it has been affected by growing Middle East competition but, if not now, it could be shortly. This will again hit the plastics and petrochemicals activities.

Profits from oil were also down. Ninian production was less than expected and the company is writing off higher exploration costs. And the colours division is still in loss although the cuts should soon take effect.

However, not everything is gloomy. The pharmaceutical and agrochemical areas are doing well and royalty income is up. But for substantial growth ICI may well be forced to look harder for acquisition.

Having come up with Beatrice some months ago, the recently formed acquistions team must be hoping to pull off an equally successful purchase in the near future.

But with the shares trading on less than eight times earnings, acquisitions for paper are going to be difficult. Barring an exciting acquisition the shares are unlikely to recover until the sterling/mark rate reverses.

Scottish American Investment Co

Mr Teddy Tulloch of Scottish American Investment Company had an intriguing tale to tell yesterday about world markets, after reporting a 21 per cent gain in net asset value over the last 12 months. Net assets at Scottish American are now worth 313p a share, leaving the shares at 229p, up 1p yesterday, selling on an undemanding 27 per cent discount.

Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, will maintain his accommodative stance towards the economy, and may or may not cut the Fed Discount Rate in due course, according to Mr Tulloch. Dollar weakness looks bound to continue, and sterling could climb to $1.60 or beyond as a result.

The pay-off for US companies will come, not this year, when growth in real GNP terms should be limited to about 2½ per cent, but in 1986, Mr Tulloch sees the US economy expanding by 5 per cent in real terms next year. Corporate earnings should grow by 25 per cent.

On this basis, the Dow Jones average looks cheap. Mr Tulloch sees the US market improving by perhaps a further 500 points in the medium term. He favours US growth stocks like Super Valu, which is expanding at 20 per cent per annum, and Sherwin Williams, the US paint manufacturer, which should benefit from a pick-up in the car cycle, as consumer spending recovers.

On other markets, Mr Tulloch is cautious. He is nervous about Tokyo, where 6½ per cent of the fund's assets are invested, and thinks that both France and Germany have gone too far in the short term. But London, he reckons, offers intriguing possibilities.

On the one hand, it is possible that next year will see no growth at all in the British economy, as a high interest rate regime conspires to erode industrialists' confidence. To that extent, the downward movement in London equities is justified. Equally, however, cuts in the short term in British rates cannot be ruled out, and 900 on the *FT*-industrial ordinary index, might prove to be the market's floor.

There are good buying opportunities around for traders on the look-out for high yielding blue chips, and the fund has about 10 per cent liquidity, enough to exploit such special situations. But any bounce to share prices could be deceptive.

Mr Tulloch would not be surprised to see another stock market slump in London later this year, as earnings prospects for 1986 are scaled down.

Tiphook

Poor Tiphook. Its flotation was delayed to take account of the market's weakness, and now Barclay's Merchant Bank is having to advertise a correction to the prospectus. In the original the asset backing is given as 90p a share, but the true figure is nearer 62p.

The offer for sale at 120p should not in theory be affected. The asset value was certainly not material to our judgement that the shares in this container leasing company should make a reasonably attractive investment.

For Barclays Merchant Bank, however, the affair is rather embarrassing. With the stockbrokers to the issue, Messel, and the underwriters, Barclays Merchant Bank is due to receive £230,000 in fees. Total expenses are £550,000.

Barclays is apparently waiting to see how popular an issue it is before deciding whether to return its fees.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO ALL APPLICANTS FOR ORDINARY SHARES IN

Tiphook plc

Although the Listing Particulars and the Prospectus advertised on 22nd July, 1985, correctly showed adjusted net tangible assets at 30th April, 1985, of £12.6 million, the document mistakenly attributed the whole of this figure to ordinary share capital. After the deduction of £3.5 million of preference share capital and the redemption premium payable thereon the adjusted net tangible assets attributable to Ordinary Shareholders at 30th April, 1985, amounted to £8.7 million. Accordingly the net tangible assets per Ordinary Share should have been shown on pages 3 and 16 as 62.5p and not 90.1p.

The Application List for the Offer for Sale which opened on 25th July, 1985, will now remain open until at least 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 30th July, 1985. Applicants who have submitted applications on or prior to 25th July, 1985, have been requested to and must, if they wish to receive an allotment, confirm their application by completing a form which was sent to them on Thursday, 25th July, 1985, and returning it by not later than 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 30th July, 1985, to the Royal Bank of Scotland plc, New Issues Department, 24 Lombard Street, London EC3V 9BA.

It is expected that Letters of Acceptance will be posted on Friday, 2nd August, 1985, and that dealings will commence on Monday, 5th August, 1985.

A copy of this document, which constitutes a supplement to the Listing Particulars comprised in the above-mentioned Prospectus, has been delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registration.

Any enquiries with regard to the above arrangements should be addressed to the Royal Bank of Scotland plc, New Issues Department, 24 Lombard Street, London EC3V 9BA (Telephone 01-623 4356).

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How the Popplewell proposals will affect football and Rugby League clubs

Death sentence passed on innocent

FOOTBALL

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

It was clear that the face of football, burnt by the fire at Bradford City and scarred by the riot in Brussels at the end of last season, would never be the same again. Yesterday Football League club representatives, after looking at Mr Justice Popplewell's recommendations, were beginning to appreciate how drastic the changes in the game could be.

In the words of Mr Justice Popplewell himself, his proposals could sound "the death-knell" particularly for those in the lower divisions. Unless some of them gain immediate financial assistance to meet the demands that may be imposed, it would be unrealistic to expect the League to continue to be a collection of 92 clubs.

The problems facing Newport County are typical. The third division club would have to spend £260,000 in improvements to their Somerton Park ground to bring it up to the new safety standards recommended in the Popplewell inquiry.

Even if the Welsh club receive an expected 75 per cent grant from the Football Trust, they would still have to find £70,000 themselves.

Safety requirements include the removal of seats in the main stand to widen the gangways and the provision of more crash barriers on the terraces.

● Robert Maxwell, the Oxford United chairman, yesterday described Mr Justice Popplewell's report into crowd safety as "gloomy". Maxwell, who signed a £300,000 sponsorship deal for his club with Wang computer company yesterday, said: "This kind of pontificating has only been possible because the football authorities and the football clubs themselves have refused to deal with problems of hooliganism and money. We have spent £1¼ million on our ground to make it an attractive, effective and safe place to go."

The club will also have to cut their 18,000 ground capacity by about half when they start the new season in less than four weeks' time.

Roy Hughes, the Newport east MP, has already given support to calls for Government assistance to keep smaller clubs alive.

The two recommendations which are causing the deepest fears concern the banning of away supporters and the introduction of an identity card system. The reactions taken from around the country showed that the potential financial penalties are not necessarily related to the present standing of the club.

Take Torquay United, for instance, who finished at the bottom of the fourth division last season. "We are at the ends of the earth down here" David Webb, their managing director and a former Chelsea defender said. "And we may be unique in a way since we have taken most of the steps already. Alcohol is banned on Saturdays, for example, and I decided to reduce our capacity from 16,000 to 6,000. We don't see much of the hooligan element.

Sitting on the safety fence: Alan Cooper at Plough Lane. (Photograph: Dod Miller)

"Last season our enclosure for the away supporters, which holds 500 people, was filled only three times. Instead of installing video cameras, we could employ a few men to go round with Polaroids. It would be a little bit cheaper that way. There is no point in asking us and say, Chelsea, to take the same precautions."

Alan Cooper, the marketing director at Wimbledon, pleads similarly for clubs to be treated on an individual basis. "Last year we made a small profit," he said. "And the year before we broke even. We would struggle to survive if these recommendations were enforced. Plough Lane would never be full again. It would be like going back to the non-League days of 1977.

"If away supporters are banned we would lose a third of our gate revenue, which would be about £100,000. It would also seem a waste of money to spend £70,000 on fencing, as we are doing now, if the only point in putting them up would be to prevent possibly a few of our own fans from running on to the pitch.

"We met West Ham United and Leeds United in the cup last season and there were five arrests. We pride ourselves on our family atmosphere and I don't see how the identity card system can be practicable. It would make more sense for realistic penalties to be imposed on hooligans."

Fulham are in favour of stiffer sentences and welcome the widening of police powers. Although Godfrey Clay, a director and the son of the chairman, supports the use of identity cards in principle, he aso is against it in practice.

"If the system had to be sophisticated and computerized it would mean the end of a lot of the smaller clubs. We are spending £150,000 this season on improving the safety aspect of Craven Cottage but it would be a disaster if away supporters were banned. That would cost us anything up to £200,000 at the gate," he said.

"Crowd trouble has been going on for years, no real solution has been offered, and suddenly, crash, bang, wallop. Clubs are told to take steps that are expensive. We all want to cure the problem but surely it is time the Government helped us by returning some of the millions of pounds we give them in VAT."

Clubs such as Brighton would not suffer so heavily financially. Their one expense this season is a single barrier, stretching some 45 feet up a terrace. Even that cost more than £6,000. Ron Pavey, their secretary and chief executive, said that they have written to the other second division clubs to inform them that they will not be selling seat tickets for away supporters this season.

"Out of an average crowd of 11,000 only 500 would be from the visiting side," he said. "By banning them we might gain as much or even more of our own.

"We will look at the card system but we already run chartered buses and trains to away games with our own stewards and without any alcohol. So far it has worked.

● Birmingham City, still waiting for the result of the FA Inquiry into the St Andrew's end of season riot at the game with Leeds United, have lost their shirt sponsorship deal with the Midland brewery, Ansells.

The brewery, who have also stopped their executive box facility at the ground, say the reason is financial and nothing to do with the riot or football's bad image.

Wrexham, however, would not expect to attract a larger home support. Even the absence of the Scots from the forthcoming World Cup qualifying tie would not reinforce the home contingent, according to Wrexham's general manager, Tony Rance. "It would probably be the same throughout the third and fourth divisions," he said. "It would cost the club 10 per eent of our revenue, perhaps £20,000, and that is a substantial slice."

When he was at Bristol City a decade ago the club banned the followers of Manchester United after the trouble they had caused at Ashton Gate. "This could be an ideal solution. But if we lose that money and the £25,000 from the television companies, which is our lifeblood, we and the other lowly clubs would clearly be in trouble."

Pleading remission for good behaviour

RUGBY LEAGUE

By Keith Macklin

Rugby League clubs feel that the more severe and expensive anti-hooligan measures proposed by the Popplewell inquiry interim report should not be applied to them. David Howes, the League's public relations officer, said yesterday that as a responsible sporting authority, the League would comply with the Safety Grounds Act, but sanctions such as the issue of identity cards, the banning of away support and withdrawal of alcohol drinking facilities at grounds were not necessary in a sport with a record of good spectator behaviour.

Howes said: "We have supporters whose standards of behaviour are the envy of most professional sports, and I do not think we should be placed on the same level as football hooligans.

"We have had exploratory conversations with the Home Office and hope that when the full (Popplewell) report is received and discussed we can make representations to this effect."

Howes said that the League was waiting to find out the cost of making safety improvements at grounds which had more than 5,000 spectators, changes needed to comply with the Act. Many poorer second division clubs are worried that they will not be able to afford to carry them out.

Howes said that this could create a serious problem, because the League had no money left in its capital investment account at the moment to give grants or loans to clubs who could not afford to pay

"We will have to wait and see what happens when precise proposals and costings are made," said Howes. "There is no point at all in worrying or panicking at this stage."

Although most clubs are awaiting costings, following recent visits to grounds by safety officials, some clubs already know, or fear, the worst.

Hull have been told by their local authority that one of the landmarks in the game, The Threepenny Stand, will have to close because it is made of timber. Also large areas in other stands at the Boulevard Ground will have to shut.

At Oldham, preliminary work costing between £6,000 and £10,000 will have to be carried out before the club can start their season. Fred Howarth, the secretary, was in a particularly angry mood when asked about the implications of the safety legislation. "That £6,000 to £10,000 is only the tip of the iceberg to get us ready for the start of the new season", he said. "We have to put in more crush barriers, provide more gangways and exits and make sure that all gates open outwards, in addition to doing some work on the terraces.

"Some of the poorer clubs just will not be able to pay the bills, and we understand there is nothing in the Rugby League kitty. What the clubs ought to do, is to pool all the bills for all the grounds, which will amount to over a million pounds, and then drop the bills on Margaret Thatcher's desk."

Many clubs do not fear the proposals. Geoff Sutcliffe, the St Helens' secretary, said: "We have submitted our application (for an inspection), but we have no reason to believe there is a serious problem at Knowsley Road. Our grandstand is mainly of concrete and brick, and we have plenty of exits. We have one of the best stands in the League."

Barrow, in the second division, also have a grandstand which is mainly concrete and brick, and new gangways and exits have recently been installed.

Undoubtedly, the highest costs, which in some cases will be potentially crippling, will fall on those clubs with grounds nearly a century old: Huddersfield, for instance, where the structure is primarily of timber.

Calls to the Bar in Trinity Term

Lincoln's Inn.

The following students are called to the Bar this term:

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Lay S Lim, BA, Middlesex Poly: T F Yee, BA, Middlesex Poly: C W Hil, LLB, Univ of Buckingham: Felicity A London, LLB, Univ of Birmingham: Eleena A S Raja, LLB, Univ of London, Pretam Kaur, BA, Ealing Coll of HE, F Slevin, BA, Ealing Coll of HE, C Subbayah, LLB, Univ of London, BSc, Univ of Mysore

P J Sales, BA, Churchill Cambridge, BCL of Worcester, Oxford, Farah Yousuf, BA, Poly of South Bank: S Boolell, BA, Univ of Essex, Diploma in Law of the Poly of Cent London; M Y Abdul Rathan, LLB, Univ of Buckingham: O T How, LLB, Univ of London: Finda E M Koroma, LLB, Univ of Warwick: T H Alloway, BSc, Univ of East Anglia, BA, of Ealing Coll of HE.

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CRICKET: TWO CENTURIONS HELP AUSTRALIANS TO BIG LEAD OVER GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Rich fare from Border and Wellham

By Alan Gibson

BRISTOL: The Australians, with seven second innings wickets in hand, are 375 runs ahead of Gloucestershire.

It was Australia's day. In the morning, Gloucestershire were 25 behind with four first innings wickets left (effectively three, since Russell had damaged a finger). Lloyd and Graveney continued their partnership sufficiently long to show that the pitch was playing presentably. Wednesday's touches of venom gone. But once they had parted, the rest did not last long, and Australia began again, 35 behind.

It was not an optimistic lunchtime for Gloucestershire, though the inhabitants of the sponsors' tent seemed happy enough as they waltzed through from their turtle soup to their angels on horseback. I regret that a noble rich claret, the Basilica Purpurea, in which I have made a mild investment, did not seem to be selling so well. I wish GRIB had been there to supervise the publicity, but she is far away at St Brelades, no doubt teaching the Channel Islanders the way to drink wine, and bowl inswingers, and possibly other things.

Anyway, when the last angel had been plucked from the saddle and those from the tent emerged to watch the cricket again, they found the Australians in command. So too did the back seats on the popular side, who had been enjoying their pork pies and canned ale. The crowd was larger than on Wednesday, when it had been reduced by some absurd publicity warning spectators to arrive early. Your Vale of Severn man does not much care for getting up at seven in the morning on the off chance of a seat four hours later. But yesterday, the publicists having dropped their silly sunt, the ground was full and comfortable.

To spend a day watching the Australians bat is not the usual Gloucestrian idea of a blissful cricket match, but I think we all enjoyed the centuries by Border looked the very picture of a major Australian batsman warming up for a Test match. Wellham, first to his fifty but second to his hundred, looked just a little more concerned with reassuring himself about his form.

Border, his hundred passed, did his best to get himself out as quickly as possible and ultimately succeeded, though the Gloucestershire fielders did their best to prevent him. Apart from this sudden spasm of lapses, Gloucestershire fielded competently and did not bowl badly. Lawrence will, I think, turn out to be a pretty good bowler, worth an England place, if only he is saved from too much publicity.

The Australians, even after their centurians were out, charged cheerfully on. Wessels, who had had to retire after a nasty knock from Walsh, returned when Wellham was out, and O'Donnell decided to play one of his more graceful than bashful innings. The crowd kept applauding with appreciation, but with perhaps a little less affection towards the end. After all, Gloucestershire had seemed to be doing so well on Wednesday. The Australian is a naughty animal. When he is attacked, he defends he defends himself.

Packer row causes TV contract threat

England cricket could lose £500,000 in television rights, because of a row between Kerry Packer and an Australian government minister.

Packer, the head of Channel Nine television in Australia, has threatened to stop transmitting the current Test series after the Australian minister for communications, Michael Duffy, described coverage of the Lord's Test as "abysmal" and said he would consider legislation to control standards of coverage.

Packer's current £500,000 deal to televise English cricket runs out at the end of this year. Negotiations for renewal are in progress.

AUSTRALIANS: First innings 146 (K M Curran 5 for 35)

Second innings

K C Wessels not out	61
W B Phillips b Walsh	48
D M Wellham b Graveney	105
*A R Border c Stovold b Graveney	130
S P O'Donnell not out	31
Extras (b15, l-b9, w1, n-b10	35
Total (3wkts)	410

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-98, 2-334, 3-339.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First innings

A W Stovold l-b-w b Lawson	16
P W Romaines c R B Phillips b Thomson	6
A J Wright l-b-w b Lawson	4
C W J Athey l-b-w b Lawson	0
P Bainbridge c Border b Gilbert	23
K M Curran c Wessels b Thomson	25
J W Lloyds c sub b Holland	71
*D A Graveney l-b-w b O'Donnell	23
D V Lawrence b O'Donnell	1
C A Walsh not out	2
†R C Russell absent hurt	0
Extras (l-b 2, n-b 8)	10
Total (181)	

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-29, 3-29, 4-32, 5-73, 6-79, 7-167, 8-177, 9-181.

BOWLING: Lawson 10-0-42-3; Thomson 10-1-38-2; Gilbert 16-1-63-1; Holland 8-2-26-1; O'Donnell 8-1-12-2.

Umpires: B J Meyer and D R Shepherd.

● Surrey have sold over £300,000 worth of tickets for the sixth Test match at the Oval from August 29-September 3. But £8 tickets are still available for the first and fourth days of the match.

Good hooking: Wayne Phillips on his way to 48 for the Australians yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Yorkshire in debt to Bairstow once again

By Peter Ball

CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire, eight second innings wickets in hand, lead Yorkshire by 270 runs.

David Bairstow's second undefeated century of the season enabled Yorkshire to avoid the follow-on by 3 runs, providing some solace for his suffering team as they had another in an increasing series of bad days. Their plight was exacerbated by a foot injury which will keep Sidebottom out of cricket for ten days.

Not for the first time this season Yorkshire were hugely in their captain's debt as he responded in indomitable fashion to impending disaster. He took on all the bowlers aggressively.

Needing 271 to avoid the follow on, Yorkshire had an ominous start once Holding overcame his excitement at the amount of bounce on offer, and found a better length. Boycott, who had borne the brunt of his assault, was undone by a brute of a ball rearing from just short of a length, and as Newman also exploited the conditions successfully, Metcalfe and Hartley quickly followed.

Sharp, who had been hit twice by Holding hung on grimly, however.

Holding's return after lunch finally accounted for Sharp, but Derbyshire then saw their chance slip away. Carrick was dropped on 0 and 4

In the end Carrick inevitably fell to Holding and as Sidebottom and Jarvis went almost immediately.

Shaw and Pickles, however, provided sensible support as Barnett refused to try Miller. Although the single which took Bairstow to his 100 off 124 balls left Shaw exposed to five balls from Holding – a strange piece of cricket – narrowly survived for Bairstow to add the necessary runs to take them to safety.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 420 (K J Barnett 125, M A Holding 80, G Miller 74 not out; P W Jarvis 5 for 125).

Second Innings

*K J Barnett c Shaw b Jarvis	18
I S Anderson not out	54
J E Morris c Shaw b Hartley	25
B Roberts not out	24
Extras (b 1, l-b 1)	2
Total (2 wkts)	123

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-79.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

G Boycott c Sharma b Holding	19
A A Metcalfe c Marples b Newman	6
K Sharp c Anderson b Holding	21
S N Hartley c Holding b Newman	0
P E Robinson b Warner	36
*†D L Bairstow not out	113
P Carrick c Morris b Holding	21
A Sidebottom c Marples b Warner	1
P W Jarvis c Marples b Finney	0
C Pickles c Miller b Warner	12
C Shaw b Warner	12
Extras (b 13, l-b 9, w 1, n-b 9	32
Total (71.5 overs)	273

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-35, 3-35, 4-74, 5-149, 6-198, 7-201, 8-209, 9-242, 10-273.

BOWLING: Holding 22-2-55-3; Finney 12-2-33-1; Newman 18-3-74-2; Warner 19.5-1-88-4.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 8, Yorkshire 6.

Umpires: D J Constant and K J Lyons.

Happy 21st for Radley

UXBRIDGE: Northamptonshire, with nine second innings wickets in hand, are 323 runs behind Middlesex.

Clive Radley, with a career-best 200, and Paul Downton's maiden first-class century helped Middlesex to a mammoth 567 for eight declared and a first innings lead of 376 over Northamptonshire.

Radley also had the distinction of scoring a century against every other county. His double century took 382 minutes and included a six, a five and 26 fours. Downton, the England wicketkeeper, batted for 319 minutes for his century, hitting 13 fours. Together they added 289 for the fifth wicket in 340 minutes.

John Emburey followed with a season's best 68. Richard Williams was Northamptonshire's most successful bowler with four for 131. When Northampton batted again Wayne Daniel bowled Geoff Cook for 16

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 191 (R A Harper 97 not out; N G Cowans 4 for 30)

Second Innings *G Cook b Daniel	16
W Larkins not out	27
N A Mallender not out	6
Extras (n-b 4)	4
Total (1 wkt)	53

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

G D Barlow c and b Griffiths	32
W N Slack l-b-w b Griffiths	16
*M W Gatting c Ripley b Harper	51
R O Butchr c Harper b Williams	39
C T Radley c Bailey b Williams	200
†P R Downton b Williams	104
J E Emburey c Boyd-Moss b Wild	68
N F Williams not out	19
P H Edmonds b Williams	1
N G Cowans not out	15
Extras (b 11, l-b 5, n b 6)	22
Total (8 wkts dec)	567

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-59, 3-127, 4-147, 5-436, 6-491, 7-547, 8-552.

Score at 100 overs: 288 for 4.

BOWLING: Mallender 27-5-90-0; Griffiths 36-5-95-2; Harper 38-14-87-1; Larkins 14-1-47-0; Williams 42-10-131-4; Boyd-Moss 8-1-39-0; Wild 11.5-1-62-1. Bonus points: Middlesex 7, Northamptonshire 2.

Umpires: J H Harris and J A Jameson.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Warwicks v Somerset

AT EDGBASTON

SOMERSET: First Innings 207 (IVA Richardson; A M Ferreira 4 for 61

Second Innings

N F M Popplewell	70
P M Roebuck not	43
N A Felton b Gifford	8
*T Gard not out	1
Extras (b 9, lb 7,)	16
Total (2 wkts)	138

Fall of wickets: 1-112, 2-132

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

G J Lord b Davis	9
R I H B Dyer c Booth b Marks	106
A I Kallicharran c Rose b Dredge	48
D L Amiss c Booth b Marks	14
C Lethbridge c Richards b Booth	47
†G W Humpage c and b Botham	33
P A Smith l-b-w b Botham	62
A M Ferreira b Botham	4
A R K Pierson not out	2
*N Gifford run out	0
D S Hoffman b Botham	0
Extras (b 5, l-b 4, w 4)	13
Total	338

Score at 100 overs: 286 for 5

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-86, 3-113, 4-181, 5-230, 6-332, 7-336, 8-338, 9-338, 10-338.

BOWLING: Botham 22-7-83-4; Davis 14-2-56-1; Dredge 11-4-21-1; Richards 8-2-28-0; Marks 40-13-91-2; Booth 23-3-72-1.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 7, Somerset 4.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and H J Rhodes.

Worcs v Glamorgan

AT WORCESTER

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 349 for 6 dec (D M Smith 102, D B D'Oliveira 51)

Second Innings

T S Curtis c Davies b Thomas	3
D B D'Oliveira v Holmes	7
D M Smith not out	22
D N Patel run out	24
P J Newport not out	7
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 1)	2
Total (3 wkts)	65

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-15, 3-53.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

J A Hopkins c Smith b Radford	3
A L Jones b Patel	69
G C Holmes c Smith b Newport	67
Javed Miandad c Curtis b Radford	27
Younis Ahmed not out	100
H Morris c Rhodes b Inchmore	2
*R C Ontong c D'Oliveira b Patel	7
†T Davies c Smith b Radford	18
J G Thomas run out	0
M R Price c Rhodes b Radford	5
S R Barwick not out	0
Extras (l-b 3, n-b 8)	11
Total (9 wkts dec, 95.5 overs)	309

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-115, 3-156, 4-179, 5-204, 6-225, 7-291, 8-292, 9-305.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 4-0-18-0; Radford 24.5-3-94-4; Newport 15-2-57-1; Patel 22-7-57-2; Inchmore 15-2-39-1; Illingworth 15-4-41-0.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 8, Glamorgan 5.

Umpires: K E Palmer and A G T Whitehead.

Notts v Sussex

AT TRENT BRIDGE

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 300 for 6 dec (R T Robinson 73, D W Randall 64, B C Broad 63; Bowling: Imran 26-5-58-5; Le Roux 17-0-58-1; Reeve 22-2-64-0; C M Wells 11-1-41-0; Waller 31-12-61-0; Barclay 5-3-6-0.

Second Innings

B C Broad lbw b Waller	14
S B Hassan b Reeve	34
D W Randall c Gould b Reeve	18
P Johnson not out	34
†B N French not out	8
Extras (b 4, l b 3, n b 3)	10
Total (3 wkts)	118

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-73, 3-76.

SUSSEX: First Innings

G D Mendis c Hassan b Pick	42
A M Green c Randall b Saxelby	3
P W G Parker c Hassan b Hemmings	40
Imran Khan b Afford	22
C M Wells c French b Hadlee	15
A P Wells c Johnson b Hemmings	6
*J R T Barclay c French b Hadlee	1
†I J Gould c French b Hadlee	5
G S le Roux c Afford b Hadlee	8
D A Reeve not out	12
C E Waller l-b-w b Saxelby	8
Extras (l-b 5, w 1)	6
Total (66.5 overs)	168

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-66, 3-108, 4-116, 5-128, 6-134, 7-134, 8-143, 9-150, 10-168.

BOWLING: Hadlee 18-3-39-4; Saxelby 10.5-3-27-2; Pick 7-2-21-1; Hemmings 25-4-51-2; Afford 6-1-25-1.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 7, Sussex 3.

Umpires: J W Holder and D O Oslear.

OFFICIAL CORRECTION: Surrey v Nottinghamshire, Guildford, July 22: Hadlee 8-0-33-2, and not as published.

Lancashire rocked by a giant

By Richard Streeton

SOUTHPORT: Lancashire, with six second innings wickets in hand, lead Surrey by 144 runs.

Three wickets in one over by Tony Gray, the 6ft 6in West Indian fast bowler, rocked Lancashire back on their heels after tea yesterday. Lancashire, who must have been well pleased with a first innings lead of 47 on a wearing pitch, actually lost four wickets in eleven balls. Varey and Watkinson then held on for the final 95 minutes.

Gray, seen by many people as an embryonic Joel Garner, was hurriedly signed by Surrey in May when his fellow West Indian, Sylvester Clarke, returned injured from South Africa. This is only Gray's eleventh county game and he has now taken 43 wickets. Chadwick had already been dismissed when Gray took wickets with the first, second and last ball of his fifth over.

O'Shaughnessy was held at second slip; Fairbrother suffered a king pair when a full toss ripped his middle and off stumps out of the ground: and Abrahams was caught in the gully.

Surrey's hopes of building a first innings lead were undone by Allott, who confirmed he has thrown off the virus which he picked up during the Nottingham Test match. He consistently bowled with good direction and hostility to keep the main Surrey stroke-makers subdued. It was a timely performance on the eve of the selectors' meeting to pick the England side for the fourth at Old Trafford.

Pocock, the nightwatchman, was quickly bowled off his pads by Makinson before Allott dismissed Clinton and Jesty in successive overs. Clinton was caught at second slip. Jesty was caught behind. Jesty tried a forcing stroke on the back foot against a ball which bounced more than most did all day. Lynch, in retaliatory mood, struck five fours in between some less certain strokes, before he was bowled by a breakback from O'Shaughnessy.

Throughout the setbacks Stewart mingled obstinacy with occasional forceful strokes. He had been in 43 overs when he cut fiercely against Allott and Varey, at the second attempt, took a brilliant catch in the gully. Folley, the left arm spinner, and already had Needham dropped twice before he bowled his as the batsman his across the line. Richards briefly underlined his improved batting, but overall Surrey's showing was disappointing.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 278 (M Watkinson 106, J Abrahams 51; R J Doughty 4 for 55)

SECOND INNINGS

M R Chadwick l-b-w b Doughty	14
D W Varey not out	44
S J O'Shaughnessy c Lynch b Gray	1
N H Fairbrother b Gray	0
*J Abrahams c Monkhouse b Gray	1
M Watkinson not out	32
Extras (l-b 3, n-b 2)	5
Total (4 wkts)	97

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-31, 3-31, 4-33.

SURREY: First Innings

G S Clinton c Simmons b Allott	21
A R Butcher c Maynard b Allott	17
P I Pocock b Makinson	6
A J Stewart c Varey b Allott	61
*T E Jesty c Maynard b Allott	2
M A Lynch b O'Shaughnessy	31
A Needham b Folley	31
†C J Richards c Allott b Watkinson	37
R J Doughty c Maynard b Watkinson	22
G Monkhouse c Chadwick b Simmons	1
A H Gray not out	0
Extras (l-b 1, w 1)	2
Total (81.1 overs)	231

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-43, 3-47, 4-55, 5-98, 6-159, 7-179, 8-224, 9-231, 10-231.

BOWLING: Allott 28-7-52-4; Makinson 18-1-61-1; Simmons 7,1-4-11-1; Watkinson 10-2-21-2; O'Shaughnessy 5-1-28-1; Folley 12-2-47-1.

Bonus points: Lancashire 7, Surrey 6.

Umpires: H D Bird and J Birkenshaw.

Tavaré on his way to his third hundred this summer

Popplewell lays down law

By Ivo Tennant

Younis Ahmed, dismissed by Worcestershire two years ago, enjoyed himself at their expense yesterday in the way that only cricketers with a point to make can. His chanceless 182-minute century was his second in succession and it helped **Glamorgan** his third adopted county, to a substantial first innings total.

Younis struck two sixes and 12 fours after Jones and Holmes had put on 112 for the second wicket. Worcestershire, who awarded d'Oliveira his county cap, then lost both their openers for 15 and finished 105 ahead on 65 for three, aided in their recovery by Thomas, Glamorgan's fast bowler, being off the field for treatment to a hip injury.

Fortune favoured **Nottinghamshire** at Trent Bridge, which is no novelty. Having declared at their overnight total, they found conditions to be more humid than the previous day, aiding Hadlee and Saxelby. Sussex wickets tumbled and the follow-on was only narrowly avoided, Hadlee finishing with four for 39, his spell after lunch being deadly. By the close Nottinghamshire had increased their lead to 250 on a wearing pitch.

Dyer, Warwickshire's opener, made his first championship century of the season – against Somerset at Edgbaston. It came in 338 minutes with 11 fours, enabling this county to build a substantial first innings lead. Smith scored 62. In reply Popplewell, who was caught via a fielder's head in the first innings and is destined to be known until he retires at the season's end as the son of Mr Justice, made 70.

The head in question, incidentally, has recovered. Pierson, who was detained in hospital overnight, was discharged yesterday morning with no after effects. The Popplewells prefer to pack their punch for more weighty matters.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP

SOUTHEND: Sussex II 300 for 8 dec (C P Phillipson 71 not out, D K Standing 66) and 1 for 0; Essex II 78 (I C Waring 5 for 39) and 222 (N D Burns 84 not out, S R Waugh 59; K Bauermeister 6 for 60). Sussex II won by 10 wickets.

CARDIFF: Gloucestershire II 230 for 9 dec and 110 for 1 (E J Cunningham 71 not out); Glamorgan II 217 (M L Roberts 60 not out).

SOUTHAMPTON: Somerset II 170 (J G Wyatt 65) and 107 for 4; Hampshire II 415 for 3 dec (D R Turner 178, T C Middleton 125, N G Cowley 73 not out).

MARKET HARBOROUGH: Leicestershire II 305 (R A Cobb 85, J P Addison 64, G A Bishop 63); Worcestershire II 141 (P A J de Freitas 6 for 30) and 116 for 1 (L K Smith 56 not out).

HAREFIELD: Middlesex II 389 for 3 dec (K R Brown 193, A J T Miller 115); Northamptonshire II 211 (A Fordham 66) and 101 for 2 (A Fordham 58 not out).

MOSELEY: Nottingham II 229 (A Courtice 58) and 81 for 1; Warwickshire II 351 (A Moles 83, B M McMillan 79, W J P Matthews 65; P M Such 4 for 92).

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire II 142 (S T Jefferies 6 for 67); Lancashire II 92 for 3.

NEWTON ABBOTT: Berkshire 210 for 4 dec (M L Simmons 64) and 209 for 3 dec (G R J Roope 64 not out); Devon 201 for 6 dec (C J Edwards 53 not out) and 222 for 6 (N R Gaywood 61, Agha Zahid 61). Devon win by 4 wickets.

GRE IPSWICH: Hertfordshire 200 for 6 dec (S A Dean 52) and 160 for 9 dec (P J Hayes 4 for 37); Suffolk 184 and 160 for 8 (P J Caley 50, D Surridge 4 for 48). Match drawn.

STONE: Staffordshire 198 for 9 dec; Durham 178 for 6.

Tavaré gives Essex bowling a savaging

By Marcus Williams

DARTFORD: Essex, with nine second innings wickets in hand, are 226 runs behind Kent.

"Don't forget the bomb scare ploy," a weary David Acfield advised his captain as the battered Essex side trudged out after tea yesterday facing a Kent total of 418 for five. Essex did have a young substitute fielder named Blitz, but they were not spared further bombardment on another broiling day.

Kent rattled on to 476 for 9, a first innings lead of 263, with Tavaré scoring a superb 150 not out containing five sixes and 20 fours and Taylor a polished 79, and in the final hour Dilley's pace accounted for Gladwin. Essex, the defending champions, are faced with a long rearguard action today.

The day had begun promisingly enough for Essex. The spinners, Childs and Acfield, were soon in harness and quickly accounted for the overnight batsmen with balls that turned quite sharply. Underwood was caught behind and a subdued Benson, captain in place of the injured Cowdrey, taken at slip after adding only six runs in 40 minutes.

Tavaré, however, had given an early warning by cutting his third ball to the boundary. With both he and Taylor combining solid defence to counter the spin and adventurous forays down the pitch to drive the ball through and over the field, some fine batting followed. The Essex slow bowlers, though toiling through 78 overs, were unable to reproduce the threat that Underwood had offered on the opening day and again last evening.

Taylor showed splendid form for a man playing his first championship innings since early June and he had hit 16 fours and batted for 115 minutes when the medium-pace Pont broke the partnership after it had realized 131 runs including a high proportion of boundaries.

Tavaré, unrecognizable as the English plodder, emerged from a somnolent period at the start of the afternoon to share a pleasant stand with Potter, and then Essex, who had gone into the match without Foster and lost Lever's services after lunch yesterday because of a stomach injury, were savaged by Tavaré and the belligerent Baptiste in a stand of 76 from only 10 overs. Tavaré's third championship hundred of the summer came just before tea and by the time the punishment ended at quarter past five, the persistent Pringle having gained late rewards, Tavare had scored 150 in almost five hours, it was the highest score by a Kent player at Dartford, beating Colin Cowdrey's 145 in 1965.

ESSEX: First Innings 213 (C Gladwin 53; D L Underwood 6 for 56)

Second Innings

*G A Gooch not out	23
C Gladwin c Knott b Dilley	8
P J Prichard not out	1
Extras (l-b 1, w 1, n-b 3)	5
Total (1 wkt)	37

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20.

KENT: First Innings

M R Benson c McEwan b Acfield	64
S G Hinks c Gooch b Acfield	74
D L Underwood c East b Childs	6
C J Tavaré not out	150
N R Taylor c East b Pont	79
L Potter c Hardie b Acfield	29
E A E Baptiste b Acfield	47
R M Ellison b Childs	13
†A P E Knott c Gooch b Pringle	1
G R Dilley c Prichard b Pringle	5
Extras (b 1, l-b 7)	8
Total (9 wkts dec)	476

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-134, 2-145, 3-152, 4-283, 5-346, 6-422, 7-438, 8-459, 9-476.

Score at 100 overs: 308 for 4.

BOWLING: Lever 14-6-38-0; Pringle 30.2-8-83-2; Acfield 42-8-164-4, Childs 36-12-129-2; Pont 9-1-54-1.

Bonus points: Kent 8, Essex 3.

Umpires: R Julian and R A White.

TENNIS

Lightbody called in for injured Brailsford

By Rex Bellamy

Tennis Correspondent

Eastbourne Borough Council are leaving nothing to chance in their preparations for Britain's Davies Cup tie with Switzerland at Devonshire Park from August 2 to 4. Already they have done everything that needs to be done to satisfy the stringent new recommendations concerning public safety. Now they are doing even more.

An additional exit is being provided in the North stand, about 50 seats are being sacrificed between gangways, and plug-in telephones are being installed at evey exit from the stands so that, at the slightest hint of an emergency, stewards can communicate instantly wth the tournament office. There was no need for all this and no urgency about it, but all will be ready in time for what promises to be a thrilling tie.

In the interest of Heinz Gunthardt, John Lloyd and company, the stadium courts have not been subjected to the wear and tear of this week's Prudential County Cup competition, in which the Surrey women – with a day to spare – already have a firm grasp on a championship they have won more oftern than any other county.

Pat Brailsford and Claire Pollard had an 8-1 record for Surrey when yesterday's play began. That partnership had to be broken up because Miss Brailsford had pulled a muscle in her side. But the gap was filled by a member of the same club (Grafton) as Miss Brailsford and Miss Pollard – none other than Susan Lightbody, formerly Miss Minford, who has had three childrem since she represented Ireland in the world championship for the Federation Cup.

Miss Brailsford had been among the procession of customers labouring upstairs to the physiotherapy room at the back of the clubhouse. That refuge of aching calm is staffed for six hours a day, the counties contributing equally to the fees. Three matches a day, even doubles, is awfully strenuous. This week there have been probably been more muscular strains than usual because a gale cancelled Monday's play, congested the programme, and consequently increased the intensity of physical stress.

MEN: Group Two (Southsea): Buckinghamshire bt Hertfordshire 9-0; Surrey bt Berkshire 6-3; Yorkshire bt Warwickshire 6-3. Group Three (Cambridge): N Wales bt West of Scotland 5-4; Leicestershire bt East of Scotland 5-4; Oxfordshire bt Nottinghamshire 6-3. Group Four (Cromer): Avon bt Chesire 5-4; Suffolk bt Gloucestershire 6-3; Hereford and Worcestershire bt Northants 6-3. Group Five (Ealing): South Wales bt Dorset 5-4; Hampshire bt Norfolk 8-1. Group Six (Malvern): Lincolnshire bt Wiltshire 7-2; Devon bt Bedfordshire 8-1; Cambridge bt Durham and Cleveland 7-2. Group Seven (Felixstowe): North of Scotland bt Cumbria 6-3; Shropshire bt South of Scotland 5-4; Suffolk bt Cornwall 5-4.

WOMEN: Group Three (Worthing): Nottinghamshire bt Buckinghamshire 6-3; Avon bt Chesire 6-3; Hereford and Worcestershire bt Barkshire 6-3. Group Four (Exmouth): Leicestershire bt Cambridgeshire 5-4; Derbyshire bt Bedfordshire 7-2; West of Scotland bt Oxfordshire 5-3.Group Five (Poole): Somerset bt Staffordshire 5-4; Durham and Cleveland bt North of Scotland 5-4; Hertfordshire bt North Wales 6-3. Group Six (Hunstanton): Gloucestershire bt Suffolk 6-4; East of Scotland bt South Wales 6-3; Cornwall bt Shropshire 6-3. Group Seven (Cambridge): South of Scotland bt Cumbria 7-2; Northumberland bt Northamptonshire 7-2; Dorset bt Wiltshire 7-2.

VICHY: Galea Cup (Men's under-21 tournament): Semi-final: Cane and Fioroni (It) bt Vajda and Korda (Cz), 6-8, 6-0, 6-4, 7-6. (Italy lead 2-1). L Jensen and Pearce (US) bt F G Lleo and D De Miguel (Sp), 4-6, 7-5, 9-7, 7-5. (United States lead 2-1).

HILVERSUM, Netherlands: Dutch Open: Second round: D Cahill (Aus) bt G Prpic (Yug), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; K Carlsson (Sweden) bt C Limberger (Aus), 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; M Schapers (Neth) bt H Sundstrom (Swe), 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; R Osterthun (WG), bt Casal (Sp), 7-5, 6-3; T Smid (Cz) bt C Mezzadri (It) 6-3, 6-3; H Van Boeckel (Neth) bt G Barbosa (Br), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; A Maurer (WG) bt A De Minicis (It), 6-4, 2-6, 7-5; M Oosting (Neth) bt M Cierro (It), 6-3, 6-4. Quarter-finals: Carlsson bt Cahill, 6-2, 6-2; Oosting bt Schapers, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

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GOLF

Langer makes good start to defend title

Noordwijk, Netherlands, (Reuter) – Bernard Langer, of West Germany, snapped up three birdies in four holes to make an encouraging start to his defence in the £130,000 Dutch Open golf championship yesterday.

Langer, the US Masters champion and joint third behind Sandy Lyle in the British Open at Sandwich on Sunday, had a bogey at the opening hole but bounced back in style. He had birdies at the short sixth, the eighth, where he holed from eight feet, and the long ninth where he got up and down from a bunker to be out in 34. It left him a stroke behind Antonio Garrido, of Spain, in the chase for a £21,660 first prize.

Brian Marchbank, a former Walker Cup amateur seeking his first European title, went to the turn in 34 from the 10th to match the West German's two below par score.

Among those struggling were Paul Way, the PGA champion, who is second in the European prize money list behind Lyle. Way, who is taking antibotics for a throat indection, turned in 39, as did Ian Woosnan, his compatriot and Ryder Cup international.

Langer: defending title

Spectacular finish by O'Connor

Christy O'Connor, still relishing the performance of his nephew, Christy Junior, in the Open last week, began with a two-under-par 70 in the Trust House Forte PGA seniors championships at Pannal,

The 60 year-old Irish player, aiming for his seventh seniors title, holed a ten-yard bunker shot on the last hole for a one-stroke first round lead over compatriots Paddy Skerritt and Andy Murphy, who are alongside the Scottish pair John Panton and Stuart Murray on 71.

Peter Alliss was in trouble on the greens. The 54 year old TV commentator took 74 before admitting: "I wasn't pleased. I have had putting problems ever since I took 11 putts on the 11th green during the 1965 US Masters at Augusta. It's as if a fog comes down – it's weird and ridiculas. I just don't know how to hit the ball on the most manicured part of the golf course."

Alliss, who is playing to repay a debt to the sponsors for donating £10,000 to the Guy Wolstenholme Memorial Fund, added: "It hasn't been my week. My Rolls Royce has blown a gasket and I have just had my finger lanced after cutting it

LEADING SCORES: 70: C O'Connor (Royal Dublin). 71: J Panton (Retired); P Skerritt (St Anne's); S Murray (Hendon); A Murphy (Royal Dublin). 72: A King (Batchworth Park); N Coles (Expotel); D Snell (Lindrick). 73: M Leader (Sheringham); E Whitehead (Moor Park); J Wilkshire (Arrowe Park). 74: P Allis (Old Thorns); E Jones (Ryl Co Down). 75: N Drew (Bangor); M Murphy (Baltinglass); J Martin (Wicklow). 76: W Lees (retired); J Taylor (E Kilbride); M Plumbridge (Brookmans Park); K Bousfield (Coombe Hill); D Beattie (Cherry Lodge); R Halsall (Monte Carlo).

Five-stroke victory for Baker

Peter Baker, of Shropshire, won the Carris Trophy boys championship at Moor Park for the second time in three years yesterday. He finished five strokes ahead of two players with whom he won the European Championship for England in Portugal a fortnight ago.

James Cook, of Leamington, and the overnight leader John Langmead, the 17 year old Devon champion, were joint runners up on 291.

Baker, winner in 1983 and runner-up last year, plays in next month's Walker Cup. He three-putted four times in 12 holes but came back strongly to take the championship.

Cook led Baker by two shots at the start of the final round, scoring 73 in the morning to baker's 74. Wayne Henry, from Hertfordshire, recorded a 76 to be four behind at the end of the third round but returned a disastrous 81 to finish way down the field.

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 286: P Baker (Lilleshall Hall) 73, 69, 74, 70. 291: J Cook (Leamington and Co) 74, 67, 73, 77; J Langmead (Newton Abbot) 70, 70, 78, 72. 294: D Hickman (Waterlooville) 77, 72, 75, 70. 296: G Kemble (Bushey Hall) 76, 70, 78, 74. 297: B Moir (Sherwood Forest) 79, 70, 74, 74. 299: S Edgley (Parkstone) 73, 76, 76, 74; W Henry (Porter Park) 72, 70, 76, 81. 300: R Pennington (Leeds) 74, 71, 74, 81. 303: A Stanley (Mid Herts) 78, 74, 77, 74; M Herson (Peterborough Milton) 79, 71, 80, 73. 304: M Keeble (Braintree) 74, 77, 76, 77.

RUGBY UNION

ROCKHAMPTON, Australia: Fiji 39, Queensland Country 10.

Young builds on her luck

Sapphire Young, who last year considered giving up her chance to play on the WPGA tour, is hot on the heels of the favorite, Kitrina Douglas, at the half-way stage of the Bloor Homes Eastleigh Classic at Fleming Park. The Yorkshire player shot a round of 63 yesterday, three better than Miss Douglas, to move to within four strokes of the lead, sharing second place with four others.

Miss Douglas, who started before the wind presented problems over the 4,402-yard fast-running municipal course, has an aggreagate of 128, four under par. With an outward run of 30, including four birdies, Miss Young closed the gap as she compiled the best round of her career.

When a sponsorship deal fell through before hitting a shot on the tour last year, Mis Young almost gave up her ambition of becoming a professional golfer. But her luck changed when she won a car and a £1,000 award for a hole-in-one. "That hole-in-one helped me pay my way last year, and this year I managed to find a new sponsor which has boosted my confidence", she said.

LEADING SCORES (GB unless stated): 128: K Douglas, 62, 66. 132: M Wennerstan (Swe), 65, 67; J Brown, 66, 66; S Young, 69, 63; M Murphy, 63, 69; C Sharp, 64, 68. 133: C Dibnah (Aus), 67, 66; D Dowling, 64, 69; P Conley (US), 66, 67; T Fernando (Sri Lanka), 64, 69.

YACHTING

Champagne for boat that did not jump the gun

By John Nicholls

Pierre Fehlmann's UBS Switzerland, was given the winner's gun after finishing second in the Seahorse Maxi-series, supported by Champagne Mumm at Cowes yesterday. Ahead of her for most of the 43-mile course was Atlantic Privateer (Padda Kuttel, US), but both she and Lion New Zealand (Peter Blake), had been disqualified hours earlier for making premature starts.

Drum, the British entry of Simon le Bon and skippered by an American, Skip Novak, was also early over the line, but returned to start properly. She finished last of the 80 footers, though only just and her crew did at least have the satisfaction of their efforts during the day being worthwhile.

Even the losers, however, enjoyed a wonderful day's sailing in conditions that showed the Solent at its most benign. A fresh south-easterly breeze ensured windward legs with the tide, so the huge boats were able to make full use of the width of the Solent.

The overseas visitors from 10 countries in the Swan European Regatta, run concurrently with the maxi', will probably go away thinking that racing at Cowes is always as good as it was yesterday, which is probably no bad thing. They were led home as usual by International (Markku Wiikeri, Finland) which, at 59ft long is the joint largest of the 42 entries.

FOURTH RACE: 1, Philips Innovator (D Nauta, Netherlands); 2, UBS Switzerland (P Fehlmann); 3, Condor (B Bell (Bermuda); 4, Drum (S le Bon, GB).

SWAN: Class 1 cruiser: 1, Insensatez (R Bresson); 2, Crackerjack (K Miller, GB); 3, Maid of Unst (E Meredith, GB); 3. Class 2 cruiser: 1, Deinic (L Rousselin, France); 2, Fringale (J Schiens, Belgium); 3, Geronimo (A Curtis, GB). Racing division: 1, International (M Wiikeri, Finland); 2, Scaramouche of Warwick (R Samels, US); 3, Midsummer Dancer (P Collins, GB).

Bowman finds the best way

By a Correspondent

Rory Bowman, of Aldeburgh, sailing Logie, won the Dragon Gold Cup at Granton, Edinburgh.

At the first weather mak a German boat, Kleine Brise, turned fifth having taken a port route while another German boat Kilvia turned second after pursuing a starboat route.

The best way of all was found by Logie which kept left of centre and turned the weather bouy 45 seconds ahead of two German boats which had held off the challenge of Prince Henrik, of Denmark in Marguerite and his fellow countrymen Valdimar Bandolowski and Borge Borreson.

FIFTH Points Race: 1, Logie (R Bowman) Aldeburgh; 2, Kleine Brise (H Schmidt) Germany; 3, Nordylland (V Bandolowski) Denmark; 4, Clivia (E Herrmann) Germany; 5, BBXXIII (B Borreson) Denmark; 6, Chaos (P Gifford) Aldeburgh.

Henderson slips through to win

By a Correspondent

Will Henderson won th Prince of Wales Cup for International 14s at Torbay after an exciting race in which the wind strength varied from force one to force five.

His boat, Wild Things Run Fast, had trailed behind Alice, sailed by Fitzgerald, for much of the race, in which many boats, including nearly all the leaders, capsized at one point or another.

On the last leg the wind began to drop significantly and astute sailing saw Henderson close the gap on Fitzgerald to a few yards and then slip through to win.

RESULTS; PRINCE OF WALES CUP: 1, Wild Things Run Fast (Henderson and Grant, Itchenor); 2, Alice (Fitzgerald and Sutherland, Itchenor); 3, Pouncer (Turner and Parsloe, Sidmouth); 4, William (Yeoman and Moss, Itchenor); 5, Master Class (Southworth); 6, Crossword (Trotter and Anderson, Derwent Reservoir).

SWIMMING

Watson the first golden Scot

From Athole Still

Geneva

Gary Watson gave Britain an unexpected golden start to the European junior championships here yesterday when he became the first Scot in history of these championships to win an event. And in beating the much fancied East German, Enrico Müller, by half a second in the 100 metres breastroke he produced the first victory by a British boy since John Cotton won the 200 metres individual medley in 1976.

Watson, aged 16 and a member of the Fins Kircaldy club, is only 5ft 8in and was dwarfed by some of his rivals. Although ranked only seventh before the heats, his 1min 06.65sec took him into the final as the second fastest qualifier behind Müller.

In the final Watson took the lead over the first 20 metres and came home half a body length in front, recording 1min 05.43sec.

Watson's victory went a long way to soften the disappointment for the British team when Myra O'Fee, of Wigan Wasps, narrowly failed to take an expected medal in the 200 metres butterfly. She swam below her best in the heats and was fortunate to qualify for the last place in the final.

However, she managed to lift herself psychologically into the evening and was beaten for the bronze medal by a mere three tenths of a second. Her time of 2min 20.49sec was 2.4 seconds outside her best.

RESULTS: Girls: 200m freestyle: 1, R Dittmann (EG), 2 min 02.27 sec; 22, N Cumbers (GB), 2 10.97. 24, M Ivison (GB), 2.13.67. 100m breaststroke: 1, P Louvrier (Fr), 1 min 10.74; 18, A Longley (GB), 1:17.45; 19, Z Long (GB), 1:17.50. 200m butterfly: 1, M. Dimi (Italy), 2-16.04; 4, M O'Fee (GB) 2:20.49. Boys: 200m freestyle: 1, P Zitt (WG), 1:52.69; 11, C McNeil (GB) 1:58.62; 16, M Foster (GB) 2:01.04. 100m breaststroke: 1, G Watson (GB) 1:06.43 (Scottish junior record); 12, A Fitzgerald (GB) 1:09.02.

IN BRIEF

Another sponsor pulls out of cycling

Renault yesterday became the second company in 24 hours to end its sponsorship of a professional cycling team. The company has pulled out for financial reasons. On Wednesday, the mail order company La Redoute announced it was withdrawing support from its cycling team.

The Renault team won the Tour de France four years in succession, through Bernard Hinault in 1981 and 1982 and Laurent Fignon in 1983 and 1984.

Renault's formula one motor racing team is also believed to be under threat because of disappointing results.

MOTOR RACING: The Belgium Royal Automobile Club has deposited $100,000 dollars with the International Auto Sport Federation as a guarantee that the Belgian formula one Grand Prix will take place at the Spa Francorchamps circuit on the rearranged date of September 15. The race was postponed in June when the track broke up.

ATHLETICS: Carl Lewis, the American Olympic gold medal winner is almost fully recovered from a leg injury that has kept him off the track for two months. He will make his comeback in Europe next month.

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RACING: COMMANCHE RUN WITHDRAWN FROM ASCOT'S BIG RACE

Throne of Glory has conditions in his favour for Ascot sprint

By Mandarin

Clive Brittain has few peers when it comes to laying a horse out for a valuable handicap and Throne of Glory looks weighted to provide the Newmarket trainer with another valuable prize in the Rous Memorial Stakes at Ascot this afternoon.

Brittain has already struck this season with Come On The Blues (Whitsun Cup and Royal Hunt Cup) and Rostova (Great Metropolitan Handicap) and other big handicap winners which spring readily to mind are Jupiter Island (1983 Ebor), Braughing (1981 Cambridgeshire) and Standaan (1979 Stewards' Cup).

Throne of Glory's recent form figures do not make impressive reading and, indeed, he has not won since his two-year-old campaign. However, last season he was a victim of the virus which plagued Frank Durr's stable and did not run after June.

The son of Hittiate Glory needs six furlongs and fast ground to be seen at his best and, since joining Brittain's stable, he has only once had conditions in his favour. That was at Newbury in May when he finished third of 23 to Manimstar, carrying 9st 7lb. Peter Makin's five-year-old is now 15lb worse off for his three-length success.

Since Newbury, Throne of Glory has twice encountered more give in the ground than he appreciates and on his latest run showed good speed for most of the trip before fading in the seven-furlong Bunbury Cup. Because it is so long since he has won, Throne of Glory has slipped down the handicap and today's race provides him with the perfect opportunity to recapture his good juvenile form.

Of his rivals, I have most respect for the veteran, Ferryman, the consistent Sailor's Song and the classy Northern Chimes, who has not run since the 2,000 Guineas, but hails from a stable gradually returning to form.

Ian Balding's juvenile fillies have carried all before them this season and it would not surprise me to see Sheer Luck, a daughter of Shergar, carry on the good work in the Virginia Water Maiden Stakes.

Course specialists

CARLISLE

TRAINERS: G Pritchard-Gordon, 5 wins from 13 runners, 38.5%; N Callaghan, 9 from 32, 28.1%; M H Easterby, 9 from 48, 18.8%.
JOCKEYS: C Duffield 18 wins from 97 rides, 18.6%; J Lowe 17 from 117, 14.5%; M Birch 12 from 103, 11.7%.

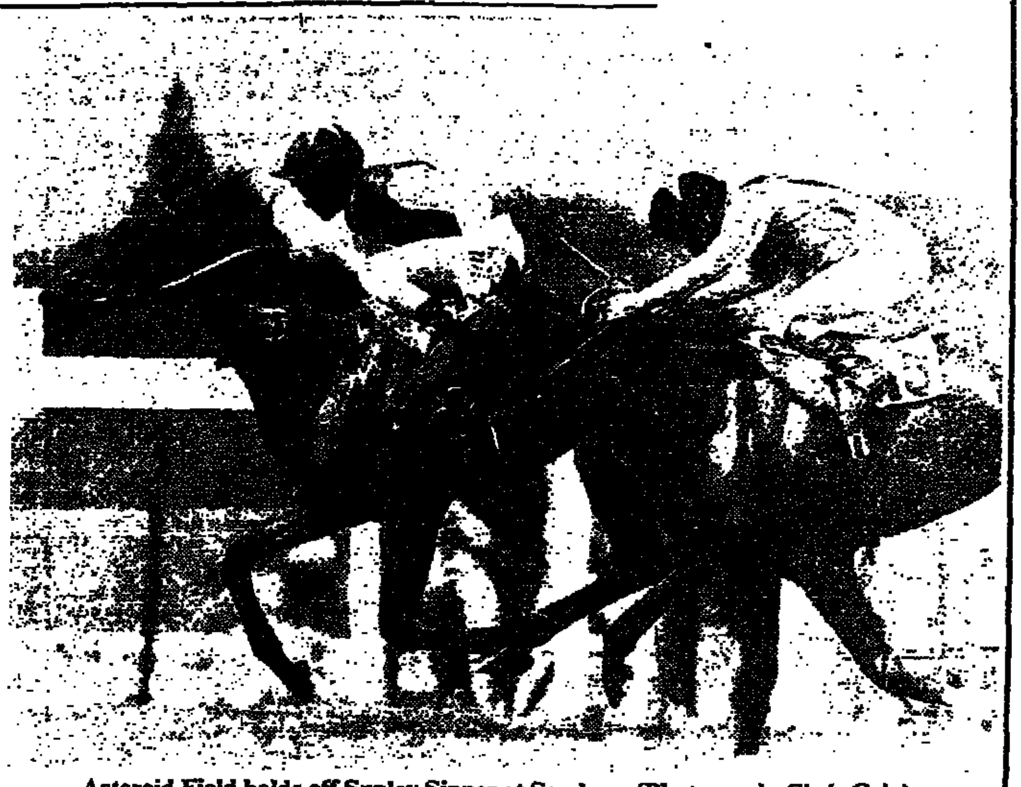
ASCOT

TRAINERS: H Cecil 34 wins from 130 runners, 26.2%; J Tree 13 from 72, 18.1%; W Hern 22 from 122, 18.0%.
JOCKEYS: L Piggott 55 wins from 303 rides, 18.2%; W Carson 45 from 265, 17.0%; A Murray 8 from 60, 13.3%.

However Cocotte fares, Dick Hern should win the other two-year-old race, the Sandwich Maiden Stakes, with **Hauwmal**, who has already demonstrated his ability by finishing a close fifth behind four previous winners on his York debut.

Boccioni, who made Supreme Leader pull out all the stops at Sandown in April, looks another for Henry Cecil and Steve Cauthen in the Cranbourne Chase Maiden Stakes whie the rapidly-improving **Bourbon Boy** still looks one step ahead of the handicapper in the Brown Jack Stakes.

Bourbon Boy's trainer, Michael Stoute, should also be among the winners at Carlisle, where **Alrucaba** (2.45) and **Iktiyar** (4.45) are his only runners.



Asteroid Field holds off Sunley Sinner at Sandown (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Piggott switches to Crazy

By Michael Seely

Commanche Run is still slightly lame and will therefore miss tomorrow's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. This disappointing news means that Lester Piggott will now ride Crazy for Robert Armstrong as the eleven times champion jockey seeks to win Britain's most important all-aged race for the eighth and final time.

"Commanche Run worked perfectly satisfactorily this morning" said his trainer, Luca Cumani, yesterday. "But he was still slightly sore afterwards. He'll be all-right in a week or so. But he'll obviously have to miss the big race." The injury developed when last year's St Leger winner pricked his off-fore font before the start of the Coral Eclipse Stakes and had to be withdrawn.

The Newmarket trainer then discounted rumours that Bairn, the runner-up to Shadeed in the 2,000 Guineas and more recently a fluent winner of the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot, had worked indifferently on Wednesday. "Bairn pleased me a lot and I'm looking forward to taking on Rousillon and co in the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood next week."

Piggott has opted for Crazy in preference to taking the mount on Jupiter Island for Clive Brittain. When trained by Guy Harwood, Crazy won last season's Ebor Handicap and also finished a close fourth to Commanche Run in the Leger.

Final news on the big race came from Geoff Lawson after Harwood's brother-in-law and assistant trainer has watched Bil Pal prove just too strong for that other remarkable old veteran, Carriage Way in round nine of the Polycell-Willie Carson Apprentice Challenge. "Raft is a definite runner and always has been," he said.

As a result of Commanche Run's withdrawal the price of Oh So Sharp has hardened to 5-4 on with William Hills. They then go 4-1 Law Society, 15-2 Rainbow Quest and 9-1 Strawberry Road. After a single wager of £32,000 to £2,000 Petoski's odds have hardened from 16-1 to 12-1. The odds on Piggott's mount Crazy have also been cut from 25-1 to 14-1.

Other news from Sandown came from Barry Hills after Brent Thomson had recorded his 34th victory of the season when riding Asteroid Field to a half length victory over Sunley Sinner in the EBF Raynes Park Maiden Stakes.

"Brent has signed a contract to ride for my stable in 1986," said the Lambourn trainer. "We have had a very happ association so far and I'm looking forward to the new arrangement."

Thomson's stylish and effective jockeyship has been one of the features of the current season. The 27-year-old naturalised Australian was first seen in this country last year, when he was imported by Robert Sangster. "I've had to think long and hard about my decision," commented Thomson modestly. "There's been a lot to learn over here and I've had to change my style, but I think its starting to go pretty well

The main feature of a hot afternoon at Esher was a double for the Aga Khan, Michael Stoute and Walter Swinburn. It was only after a long delay that a camera print showed that Katayla had defeated Ringtail by the narrowest of margins in the Star Stakes. But Alamdar had little difficulty in landing the odds of 5-4 laid on the Riverman colt in the Heath Row Maiden Stakes.

ASCOT (BBC)

[Televised (BBC1): 2.30, 3.0, 3.30, 4.5]

Going: firm

Draw advantage: none

2.0 CRANBOURNE CHASE MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £6,243: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

102	4	ARMOURER (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-0	Pat Eddery	1
103	02-00	BENDICKS (C Harper) D Elsworth 9-0	-	6
104	0-2	BOCCIONI (C St George) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	2
105		DOCTOR CHESNE (C St George) B Hanbury 9-0	Y Okabe	4
107	003	ISLAND SET (G Keller) L Cumani 9-0	L Piggott	5
110		SAFE RIVER (S Fradkoff) L Cumani 9-0	P Hamblott	7
112	04-	FLEET OF FOOT (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 8-11	W Carson	3

1984: Hatim 9-0 Pat Eddery (2-9 fav) J Tree 6 ran.

9-4 Boccioni, 3 Armourer, 4 Island Set, Fleet of Foot, 8 Bendicks, 14 Safe River, 16 Doctor Chesne.

FORM: ARMOURER (9-0) 6½l 4th to Boldden (9-0) at Newbury (8f, £2,674, good, July 19, 17 ran). BENDICKS (9-0) out of first nine. BOCCIONI (8-11) ½l runner-up to Supreme Leader (8-11) at Sandown (8f, £2,850, good, Apr 26, 13 ran). ISLAND SET (9-0) hampered before finishing fast to be 1½l 3rd to Timid Bride at Chester (1m 2f, £2,189, good, July 12, 12 ran). FLEET OF FOOT (8-8) 5½l 3rd to Green Leaf (8-3) at York (6f, £3,895, good, Sep 5, 7 ran) Earlier (8-8) 6l 5th to Kohaylan (8-11) in York's Acomb Stakes (7f, £8,311, good to firm, Aug 21, 8 ran).
Selection: BOCCIONI.

Ascot selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Boccioni. 2.30 Throne of Glory (nap). 3.0 Sheer Luck. 3.30 Bourbon Boy. 4.5 Hauwmal. 4.35 Empress Corina.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Boccioni. 2.30 Throne of Glory. 3.0 Maysoon. 3.30 Bourbon Boy. 4.35 First Pleasure.

By Michael Seely
2.30 Sailor's Song (nap). 3.0 Maysoon. 3.30 Bourbon Boy.

2.30 ROUS MEMORIAL HANDICAP (6,472: 6f) (10)

201	3140-00	NORTHERN CHIMES (D) (Mrs J Shino) E Eldin 3-9-10	T Ives	2
202	001201	MANIMSTAR (B) (D) (S Brewer) P Makin 5-9-2	G Baxter	10
203	310420	BRIDGE STREET LADY (D) (M Wilkins) J Bosley 4-9-1	Pat Eddery	9
206	003000	THRONE OF GLORY (D) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 4-8-12	S Cauthen	5
207	200313	TOBERMORY BOY (D) (C Longbottom) R Whitaker 8-8-11	N Carlisle	7
208	2-40002	POLYKRATIS (M Peraticos) M Francis 3-8-10	Paul Eddery	1
210	304002	FERRYMAN (CD) (W Plummer) D Elsworth 9-8-9	B Rouse	3
211	122302	SAILOR'S SONG (D) (Introgroup Holdings) N Vigors 3-8-8	P Cook	6
212	0-00000	YOUNG INCA (CD) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 7-8-6	M Hills	4
213	301040	NUMISMATIST (D) (A Sofronou) M Salaman 6-8-0	R Fox	8

1984: Hilton Brown 3-9-4 S Whitworth (9-4) P Cundell 7 ran.

7-2 Tobermory Boy, 4 Ferryman, 5 Manimstar, 6 Sailor's Song, Polykratis, 8 Young Inca, 10 Bridge Street Lady, 12 Numismatist, 14 Northern Chimes, 16 Throne Of Glory.

FORM: NORTHERN CHIMES 13th to Shadeed in the 2,000 Guineas last time; earlier (8-11) 4l 4th of 12 to Local Suitor (8-11) in a Newbury Group 2 event (6f, £16,380, good, Sep 22). MANIMSTAR beat Happy Hannah ¾l last time; earlier (8-10) beat Our Dynasty (9-2) ¾l at Newbury (6f, £4,480, good to firm, May 18, 23 ran), with THRONE OF GLORY (9-7) a further 2½l back in 3rd, and NUMISTMATIST (6-3) another 4l back in 5th. POLYKRATIS (8-2) 1½l 2nd of 9 to Breadcrumb (7-13) at Newbury (6f, £4,155, good, July 19). FERRYMAN (9-7) ¾l 2nd of 8 to Al Trui (9-9) at Salisbury (6f, £2,224, good to firm, July 13). SAILOR'S SONG (8-7) ¾l 2nd of 10 to Home Blade (8-11) at Newmarket (6f, £5,963, good to firm, July 9). YOUNG INCA (8-0) 1½l 5th of 12 to All Agreed (8-0) at Sandown (5f, £6,711, firm, July 5).
Selection: POLYKRATIS.

3.0 VIRGINIA WATER MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £7,316: 6f) (10)

302		ALCHAASIBIYEH (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11	A Murray	1
304		COCOTTE (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-11	W Carson	8
306		LADY WINDMILL (G Steinberg) M Usher 8-11	M Wigham	5
307		MAYSOON (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	9
308		MISS JADE (G Beccle) J Winter 8-11	B Raymond	3
309		MISTAKEMENOT (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-11	B Thomson	6
311		PILLOWING (Lord Tavistock) C Nelson 8-11	S Cauthen	2
312		PRINCESS NAWAL (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11	B Rouse	7
315		SHEER LUCK (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11	Pat Eddery	4
316		SPUN GOLD (Conley Properties) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	10

1984: Helen Street 8-11 J Mercer (2-1 fav) W Hern 10 ran.

7-2 Alchaasibeyeh, 9-2 Sheer Luck, 6 Maysoon, Cocotte, 8 Spun Gold, 10 Mistakemenot, 12 Princess Nawal, Pillowing, 16 others.

3.30 BROWN JACK HANDICAP (£6,004: 2m) (9)

401	32-0003	HARLY (D) (T Wada) J Dunlop 5-10-0	Y Okabe	5
402	002020	PETRIZZO (C Elliot) C Brittain 4-9-13	S Cauthen	4
403	21431-0	BROADLEAF (A Richards) D Hanley 4-8-7	S Whitworth	3
404	34-1400	RHUSTED (A Shead) B Hills 4-8-5	B Thomson	2
406	00-0111	BOURBON BOY (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-1 (3 ex)	P Robinson	8
408	421414	BOCODA LAD (D) (E Hill) C Benstead 4-7-11	T Williams	7
409	223000	POPSI'S JOY (C) (D) (V Morley Lawson) M Haynes 10-7-10	W Carson	9
410	44/0-01	EASTER LEE (A Hunt) D Elsworth 5-7-7 (3 ex)	G Carter 5	1
411	0/03412	BALLET CHAMP (BF) (S Gallagher) R Holder 7-7-7	A Proud	6

1984: Prince Crow 3-7-12 P Robinson (100-30 fav) M Stoute 9 ran.

2 Bourbon Boy, 7-2 Easter Lee, 4 Bocoda Lad, 5 Broadleaf, 7 Petrizzo, 8 Rhusted, 12 others.

FORM: BOCODA LAD 4th to Jackdaw last time; previously (7-7) beat Petrizzo (9-11) ¾l at Sandown (2m, £6,065, good to firm, July 6) with BROADLEAF (8-7) another 2½l back in 5th. Last season BROADLEAF (8-3) beat Straight Man (9-7) a short head at Newbury (1m, £5,899, good, Aug 18, 10 ran). POPSI'S JOY 8th to Trade Line in the Northumberland Plate; earlier (9-7) 1½l 2nd of 16 to Aldo King (8-12) at Newbury (2m, £3,154, good, Apr 19). RHUSTED 10th to Trade Line in the Northumberland Plate; earlier (9-11) beat Rynechra (9-6) 3l at Newmarket (1m 6f, £3,804, good, Apr 15). EASTER LEE (8-9) beat Duke Of Dolls (8-5) 6l at Bath (2m 1f 27yds, £2,332, good to firm, July 17, 8 ran).
Selection: POPSI'S JOY.

4.5 SANDWICH MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £7,116: 7f) (7)

502	0	ATREAK (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	4
508	0	HAUWMAL (Sheikh Mohammed) W Hern 9-0	W Carson	6
509		HOMME D'AFFAIRE (Mrs V Lewis) G Lewis 9-0	P Waldron	7
514		RACKSTRAW (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0	B Thomson	2
515		RUNNING TACK (C Olley) C Horgan 9-0	P Cook	1
517	32	STRIVE (A Kelly) M Blanshard 9-0	J Reid	5
520		JADE ESSENCE (J Wakefield C N Williams 8-11	B Raymond	3

1984: Yamken 9-0 T Quinn (12-1) P Cole 10 ran.

2 Hauwmal, 5-2 Atreak, 5 Rackstraw, 8 Strive, 12 Homme D'Affair, 20 others.

FORM: Atreak, (9-0) hampered 2f out and finished out of first nine behind Aeschylus (9-0) at Newmarket (7f, £4508, good to firm, July 19, 14 ran). HAUWMAL (8-11) 2½l 5th to Nomination (9-2) at York (6f, £4337, firm, July 12, 6 ran). STRIVE, (8-11) ¾l Lingfield runner-up to Vainglorious (8-11) 6f, £2089, good to firm, July 12, 10 ran).
Selection: HAUWMAL

4.35 CHESTER APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,691: 1m round) (12)

601	300-000	IDOLIZED (N Blyth) L Cumani 4-9-12	S Quane 8	11
602	000-001	STEEPLE BELL (D) (Mrs C Brudenell-Bruce) M Stoute 9-9-9 (5 ex)	Mark Giles 10	8
606	21210-0	FIRST PLEASURE (CD) (J Rose) W Hastings-Bass 4-8-10	R Lines 3	7
607	000-341	FAIR COUNTRY (Sir G Brunton) P M Taylor 3-8-7	P Brettle 5	12
608	000030	TALK OF GLORY (E Gadsden) M Blanshard 4-8-6	C Rutter	1
609	100-000	KELLSAPAUL (B) (W Murphy) G Hunter 3-8-5	R Carter	10
610	100000	PRINCESS POSSUM (D) (E Benfield) P Mitchell 4-8-3	P Simms 8	2
611	000/122	DICK'S FOLLY (D) (Mrs M Bisgrove) R Hodges 6-7-13	M Lynch 3	9
614	/000-00	COUNT BERTRAND (Mrs J Hislop) W Holden 4-7-13	R Morse 8	3
615	0-00002	EMPRESS CORINA (T Ramsden) A Bailey 4-7-11	L Johnsey 3	6
616	010430	MR ROSE (B Bates) L Lightbrown 5-7-7	G Carter	4
621	00-302	KASSAK (Great Western Developments) D Elsworth 9-7-7	Deborah Wheatley 10	5

1984: Elsetta 4-7-4 N Adams (33-1) M Blanshard 12 ran.

3 Fair Country, 9-2 Empress Corina, 5 Dick's Folly, 11-2 Steeple Bell, 7 First Pleasure, 8 Mr Rose, Kassak, 12 others.

FORM: IDOLIZED, behind so far this season, last year (8-6) 4½l last of 8 behind Prego (0-9) in Group 3 Hungerford Stakes at Newbury (7f, £17804, good, Aug 17, 8 ran). STEEPLE BELL (9-1) beaten a head by Tom Forrester (8-0) at Kempton but awarded the race (8f, £2637, good to firm, July 12, 6 ran) FIRST PLEASURE (8-4) beat Maiman (9-11) a short head over course and distance in a similar event (£2591, good to firm, Sep 27, 10 ran). FAIR COUNTRY, (9-4) won similar contest at Newbury by ½l from Arnoux (8-13) (7f, £2452, good to soft, June 15, 12 ran). DICK'S FOLLY (8-2) ½l 2nd to Nazeen (8-10) at Windsor (8f, £2232, good to firm, July 8, 13 ran). EMPRESS CORINA, (7-13) neck runner-up to Maumann (9-1) at Newmarket (1m 2f, £3199, good, July 20, 7 ran). MR ROSE behind at Nottingham latest, earlier (8-9) ½l and a head 3rd to Godford (8-0) at Catterick (7f, £1431, firm, July 11, 13 ran).
Selection: EMPRESS CORINA.

CARLISLE

Going: good

Draw advantage: 5f, 6f high numbers best

2.15 HONISTER SELLING STAKES (3-y-o: £617: 1m) (11 runners)

2	00-000	CAVALIERAVANTGARDE (Cavalier Carpets) P Wigham 8-3	-	2
4	0-00002	CUT A CAPER (C Campbell Golding) J W Watts 8-3	G Duffield	8
6	00-0000	HAPPY CASH (Mrs F Bentley) W Bentley 8-3	R Guest	6
7	020032	HOBOURNES (G A Farndon Eng Co Ltd) J Wilson 8-3	S Perks	4
8	000032	MARSOOM (BF) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 8-3	A Shoults 5	1
11	0-00000	STEPPED SEAL (B) (Miss M Mabbett) D Garraton 8-3	-	9
12	30	SWAY (V Advani) R Simpson 8-3	K Radcliffe 7	3
13	233004	WAPPY SPRINGS (Wappy Springs Ltd) S Norton 8-3	J Lowe	5
14	0000-00	WARTHILL BOY (B) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-3	B Coogan	10
16	0400-	LA BLEU (P Asquith) J Fitzgerald 8-0	-	7
18	000022	PLEASANT WAYS (BF) (Mrs J Everitt) A Balding 8-0	A Mackay	11

1984: Ganglion 7-13 P Bloomfield (11-8 fav) M McCormack 6 ran

7-2 Sway, 4 Cut A Caper, 5 Pleasant Ways, 6 Wappy Springs, Marsoom, 8 Hobournes, 10 Warthill Boy, 12 others.

Carlisle selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Pleasant Ways. 2.45 Alruccaba. 3.15 Playtex. 3.45 Northern Ballerina. 4.15 Balmacara. 4.45 Iktiyar.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Marsoom. 2.45 Alruccaba. 3.15 Phamond. 3.45 Frax. 4.15 Summer Ridge. 4.45 Matrah.

2.45 WRYNOSE MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £1,225: 6f) (15)

2		ASTURIAS (Mrs A Dawson) J Berry 9-0	K Darley	14
3	0	BANTEL BANZAI (B Brandon) Denys Smith 9-0	D Leadbitter 5	11
8	00	GLORIANT (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-0	B Coogan	9
9		LATRIGG LODGE (Hockley Ptg Ltd) N Bycroft 9-0	M Richardson 7	12
13	0	MOODIES PET (J Moodie) S Leadbetter 9-0	S Keightley	10
15		RIVER GALAXY (T Flaherty) R Peacock 9-0	W Ryan	7
16	000	SHARK FIGHTER (W McClennon) K Stone 9-0	C Dwyer	13
17	4	TOUCH ME NOT (Mrs E Pountain) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	4
19	2	ALRUCCABA (Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-11	A Kimberley	6
20	00	BLUE STEEL (Lord Kimberley) R Simpson 8-11	K Radcliffe 7	2
22	00	CLUB TOGETHER (Mrs A Carr) C Thornton 8-11	J Bleasdale	1
25		IMPERIAL SKY (Mrs J Burke) R Fisher 8-11	D Nicholls	15
27	030	MADEMOISELLE MAGNA (A Salman) S Norton 8-11	J Lowe	8
28	044	OWL'S WAY (Mrs F Bentley) W Bentley 8-11	R Guest	5
30	304	WEN YOU'RE SMILING (G Jones) T Barron 8-11	S Webster	3

1984: More My Scent 8-5 G Lomax (9-2) H Thomson Jones 5 ran

1-2 Alruccaba, 9-2 Touch Me Not, 8 Wen You're Smiling, 10 Owl's Way, 12 Blue Steel, 16 Bantel Banzai, 20 others.

3.15 ASSCCIATED LEISURE HIRE (NORTHERN) LTD HANDICAP (£2,285: 6f) (14)

2	300002	PLAYTEX (D) (BF) (W Clarke) T Barron 5-9-8	B McGiff 7	11
5	1-00000	WILLIE GAN (D) (H Hewitson) Denys Smith 7-9-0	D Leadbitter 5	1
7	400003	MONINSKY F (B) (D) (R Midgeley) N Bycroft 4-8-11	S Perks	10
8	313012	TANFEN (D) (W Burns) T Craig 4-8-10	G Duffield	2
10	240020	EASTBROOK (D) (M H Easterby) M H Easterby 5-8-6	M Birch	14
11	401000	PHAMOND (D) (Roldayle Ltd) N Callaghan 3-8-5	D Nicholls	7
12	03-0030	RUNAGER (T Liffen) I Jordon 3-8-5	-	8
13	142-001	DUFFER'S DANCE (C) (Swallowmoor Enterprises) W Pearce 3-8-4	S Keightley	6
15	302144	TIDDLYEYETYE (B) (D) (W Lonsdale) I Vickers 4-8-2	S Webster	9
17	0000-00	STYLOGRAM (Mrs D Needham) W Jarvis 4-8-0	S Dawson 3	3
19	040	ELLEGANT MODEL (Mrs J Washington) B Wilkinson 4-7-12	J Lowe	12
21	0-00140	BROMWICH BOY (B) (Mrs M Rutherford) P Monteith 5-7-10	S P Griffiths 5	5
22	440420	APHRODISIAC (B) (R Morris) R Morris 4-7-8	L Charnock	4
23	200000	MING VILLAGE (D) (W Sellers) J Parkes 5-7-8	A Shoults 5	13

1984: Hatching 3-8-10 K Darley (5-2 fav) R Johnson Houghton 8 ran

7-2 Playtex, 9-2 Moninsky, 11-2 Tanfen, 6 Duffer's Dancer, Tiddlyeyetye, 8 Eastbrook, 10 Willie Gan, 14 others.

3.45 CARLISLE GREAT FAIR CHAMPION APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£1,401: 1m) (12)

4	00012	FRAX (BF) (P De Bour) L Cumani 3-9-10 (5 ex)	J Blake 5	6
8	00-0000	BROCKTON (D) (Mrs J Lockwood) T Barron 4-9-7	B McGiff 7	7
9	000200	SINDOS (R Padmore) R Hollinshead 4-9-5	W Ryan	3
11	0-00000	BOY SANDFORD (D) (R Ross) W Mackie 6-9-3	J H Brown 3	5
14	0-00040	HONEST TOKEN (D) (T Craig) T Craig 6-8-13	S P Griffiths 5	9
15	04-0000	NEAR ENOUGH (M Young) T Fairhurst 4-8-11	S Newton 5	2
18	00-0040	JOHNNY FRENCHMAN (R Bainbridge) Alf Watson 4-8-9	A Shoults 5	8
20	114004	NORTHERN BALLERINA (Brian Yeardley) E Carter 3-8-8	Wendy Carter 5	1
21	000-030	SPICE MARKET (B) (W Sellers) J Parkes 4-8-6	S Whitelaw 7	4
22	000	BUGATTI (D Hutchison) R Peacock 7-8-5	A Whitehall 7	2
23	000/0	JONNY ZERO (J Moores) E Alston 4-8-5	Julie Bowker 7	10
24	000/000	AVRAEAS (Mrs E Davies) R Morris 6-8-5	-	11

1984: Gibbon 8-8-2 M Richardson (16-1) N Bycroft 9 ran

10-11 Frax, 4 Sindos, 11-2 Northern Ballerina, 10 Johnny Frenchman, Honest Token, 14 others.

4.15 HARD KNOTT HANDICAP (£1,371: 1m 4f) (12)

1	4122/00	RICARDO (D) (Mrs J Jones) N Bycroft 6-10-0	S Perks	10
2	101000/	TO KAMARI MOU (R Fisher) R Fisher 6-9-10	C Nelson 7	8
4	000112	SUMMER RIDGE (D) (BF) (Studcrown Ltd) L Cumani 3-9-6 (4 ex)	R Guest	5
5	0310-00	ASPRO ASTRO (Mrs J McGill Beattie) A Balding 4-9-3	A Mackay	4
6	23320	THATCHINGLY (S Maar) K Stone 4-8-13	C Dwyer	11
7	203010	BALMACARA (CD) (P Felden) P Felden 4-8-13	G Duffield	9
16	000003	EXCAVATOR LADY (B) (C) (F Hines) G M Moore 6-8-1	J Lowe	6
17	00-4	RASIMAREEM (G Kypri) T Barron 4-8-1	S Webster	7
18	000/032	FASCADALE (Mrs A Leggat) J Fitzgerald 11-8-0	-	3
19	400342	HOMBRE (G Reed) C Thornton 3-7-13	-	2
20	0/000-0	HEAVENLY PRINCESS (J Barratt) Alf Watson 5-7-8	A Shoults 5	12
21	400-004	BELLE VUE (R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 12-7-8	-	1

1984: Majestic Peace 3-8-13 G Duffield (13-8 fav) G Pritchard-Gordon 6 ran.

11-4 Fascadale, 7-2 Summer Ridge, 11-2 Excavator Lady, 13-2 Thatchingly, 8 Balmacara, 10 Hombre, 12 Ricardo, Rasimareem, 16 others.

4.45 WHINLATER MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £994: 1m 1f 80yd) (15)

1		BEER KEG (Wearside Metal Co) A M Robson 9-0	D Dinsley	4
2	40-2403	CORAL HARBOUR (Miss C Spurrier) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	G Duffield	7
6	0-0	IKTIYAR (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 9-0	A Kimberley	11
7	0	JELLEAR (G A Farndon Eng) J Wilson 9-0	-	6
8	000-000	JUST A HALF (F Markland) D McCain 9-0	-	9
11	40-0003	MAZELTOV LINDA (C Alexander) R Fisher 9-0	D Nicholls	10
12	00	NERAK SENGA (G Shiel) A Scott 9-0	-	15
13	04-0	O'G BOY (W H O'Gorman) C Brittain 9-0	J Lowe	2
14	030003	OWEN'S PRIDE (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-0	B Coogan	14
16	0	SAUNDERS BOY (Miss S Blain) B McLean 9-0	S Keightley	5
18	000-000	ARCLID GIRL (D Beresford) J Wilson 8-11	-	1
19	00-00	BOBS (G Reed) C Thornton 8-11	J Bleasdale	8
20	000-00	GOLDEN SECRET (G Ferrigno Ltd) D Moffatt 8-11	-	3
21	2	GORGEOUS PRINCESS (K Fischer) R Hollinshead 8-11	W Ryan	12
23	04-2342	MATRAH (B) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11	R Hills	13

1984: Sharvani 8-11 J Lowe (6-1) S Norton 5 ran.

2 Matrah, 5-2 Gorgeous Princess, 4 Iktiyar, 6 Coral Harbour, 12 O'G Boy, Owen's Pride, 16 others.

Sandown results

2.15 (7f) 1, ASTEROID FIELD (B Thomson, 5-4 fav); 2, Sunley Sinner (J Mercer, 14-1); 3, Marie Galante (W R Swinburn, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Flying Fairy (5th) 6 Nose Gay (6th) 8 Hidden Brief (4th) 16 Beijing, 20 Nishaash, 33 Holiday Mill, Makaline, Parisian Miss. 11 ran. ½l, 5l, sh hd, ¾l, 2½l. B Hills at Lambourne. TOTE: £1.90; £1.10, £2.30, £5.50. DF: £8.30. CSF: £18.90. 1min 28.91sec

2.45 (1m 2f) 1, BIG PAL (S Hill, 9-4 fav); 2, Carriage Way (J da Costa 11-2); 3, Enbyar Dan (Kim Spark, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Moncloa Trophy (6th), 5, Capa (4th); 6 Mr Music Man; 14 Stormy Kestrel (5th), 20 Master Johnny, 66 Irish Pageant. 9 RAN. Nk, 4l, 2l, nk, 10l. G Harwood at Pulborough. TOTE: £3.00; £1.80, £2.60, £2.90. DF: £8.00. CSF: £15.60. 2min 08.60sec.

3.15 (5f) 1, KATAYLA (W R Swinburn, 4-11 fav); 2, Ringtail (T Quinn, 13-2); 3, Absolute Service (D Nicholls, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Teetoy, 10 Luqman (4th). NR: Cronk s Quarry. Sh h, 4l, ½l, 20l. M Stoute at Newmarket. TOTE: £1.30; CSF: £3.41. 1min 00.05sec

3.50 (7f) 1, POSTAGE (R Cochrane, 7-2); 2, Domynga (W Carson 9-4 fav), 3, Westerham (W R Swinburn, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Irish Limerick (6), 8 Hunt's Katie, Silent Treat (4th), 10 Andi Aja, 50 Gurteen Boy (5th). 9 ran. 1l, 3l, hd, hd, 1l. M McCormack at Wantage. TOTE: £5.10; £2.20, £1.20, £2.80. DF: £3.70. CSF: £10.96. 1min 28.58sec. After steward's inquiry, the result stood.

4.20 (1m) 1, ALAMDAR (W R Swinburn, 4-5 fav), 2, Saucy Singer (B Thomson, 12-1); 3, Wassl Dancer (W Carson, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Mexican Mill (5th), 20 Clarmont Lane (4th), 66 Breakfast Car. 6 ran. 3l, 1½l, 4l, 12l, 8l. M Stoute at Newmarket. TOTE: £1.60; £1.10, £2.40. DF: £4.80. CSF: £9.34. 1min 42.39sec.

4.50 (1m 6f) 1, RAKAPOSHI KING (W Carson, 5-1), 2, Western Dancer (P Cook, 9-4 fav), 3, Split Image (B Thomson, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Going Going (4th), 8 Meman, 10 Miss Never Hyde (5th) My Charade (6th). 7 ran. 6l, 2l, hd, ½l, 1½l. R Armstrong at Newmarket. TOTE: £4.70; £1.80, £1.90. DF: £4.20. CSF: £15.80. 2min 59.40sec.
Jackpot: £193.25. Placepot: £3.65.

● The following results from Wednesday's evening meeting at Sandown were received too late for inclusion in yesterday's early edition.

7.45 (7f) 1, Family Freid (W Carson, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Gorgeous Strike (11-4 jt-fav); 3, Dancing Zeta (11-2). ½l, ½l. 9 ran. W Hern. TOTE: £3.10; £1.20, £1.40, £1.40. DF: £5.20. CSF: £10.51.

8.15 (1m) 1, Wiki Wiki Wheels (Pat Eddery, 4-1), 2, Tom Forrester (2-1 fav), 3, Virgin Isle (11-2). Nk, 1½l. 6 ran. R Sheather. TOTE: £4.70; £1.80, £1.40. DF: £3.40. CSF: £11.69.

8.45 (1m 3f 100 yds): 1, STATELY form (Pat Eddery, 8-1), 2, Trikkala Star (33-1), 3, Peggy Carolyn (8-1). Winter Palace 100-30 fav. ½l, 1½l. 14 ran. NR: Holyport Victory. J Tree. Tote: £14.50; £3.10, £10.40, £3.10. DF: £2,205.50. CSF: £209.20. Tricast: £1,853.81.
Placepot: £24.75

Catterick Bridge

Going: firm

2.0 (1m 5f 180yd) 1, TIMMINION (C Dwyer, 3-1 jt-fav), 2, Strawly (S Perks, 10-1); 3, Breckland Lady (G Duffield, 3-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Shuttlecock Star, 8 Tin Ribs (5th), Manhattan Boy, 12 Butterwick, Grey Coral (6th), 25 Oky Pokey, 33 Bonny's Pledge (4th), Bantel Baby, Irish Connection. 12 ran. NR: Reiko Ruler. 1½l, 8l, 4l, nd, 2l. K Stone at Malton. TOTE: £3.00; £1.50, £5.40, £1.70. DF: £87.60. CSF: £31.81. TRICAST: £88.63. No bid

2.30 (5f) 1, RESTLESS RHAPSODY (S Whitworth, 5-1); 2, Priory Place (K Hodgson, 11-10 fav), 3, The Stray Bullett (D Dinsley, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Tetrak (6th), 5 Heart Of Glass (4th), 11-2 Pannanich Wells (5th), 33 Amplify, Not A Problem. 8 ran. 1¼l, 1¼l, nk, 1½l, 6l. K Brassey at Lambourn. TOTE: £3.00; £1.10, £1.10, £4.20. DF: £8.20. CSF: £11.55.

3.0 (7f) 1, HIGH PORT (N Carlisle, 3-1 fav); 2, Godford (D Dineley, 7-2), 3, Rossett (M Fry, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Run In Hand (4th), 8, Melowen, Young Knight, 12 Bucks Bolt (6th), 14 The Golf Slide, 20 Railroad Lady, Royal Export, Sky Mariner (5th). 11 ran. NR: Huyton's Hope. 1½l, nk, 1½l, 2l, sh-hd. A W Jones at Oswestry. Tote win: £3.70. Pl: £1.20, £1.10, £3.20. Dual Forecast: £4.40. CSF: £13.64. Tricast: £72.77.

3.30 (6f) 1, LAIRD O'MONTROSE (M Hills, 3-1); 2, Walk On Ice (K Darley, 11-10 fav); 3, Belatz (M Hindley, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 6 Running Edge. 4 ran. ½l, 1½l, 15l. J Hindley at Newmarket. TOTE: £3.10. DF: £1.70. CSF: £6.46

4.0 (7f) 1, MAAZI (M Lynch, 3-1), 2, Swinging Rebel (G Landau, 5-2 fav); 3, Major Don (C Oates, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Vintage Toll (4th), 20 O I Oyston (6th), 33 Don't Tell Me, 100 Polamists (5th), Phase Chain. 8 ran. Nk, 1l, nk, 8l, nk. P Cole at Lambourn. TOTE: £6.10; £1.30, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £5.80. CSF: £3.96. After stewards' inquiry, result stood.

4.30 (1m 4f 40yd) 1, DERAMIN (G Duffield 4-9 fav); 2, Marguarita Time (M Hindley 20-1); 3, Gone Bananas (S Perks 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Champa Queen (5th), 50 Auckland Express (4th), Grand Sirat. 6 ran. 10½l, 6l, 1l, dist. D Morely, at Newmarket. TOTE: £1.20; £1.10, £5.50. DF: £5.70. CSF: £9.70.
PLACEPOT: £13.10.

Blinkered first time

CARLISLE: 2.15 Stepped Seal.

● Japanese jockey Yukio Okabe will get a taste of the Ascot circuit today before his ride on Sirius Symboli in tomorrow's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth diamond stakes. Okabe teams up with Doctor Chesne for Ben Hanbury in the Cranbourne Chase Maiden Stakes and John Dunlop's Harly in the Brown Jack handicap.

TENNIS

Gomez goes through after getting a fright

Indianapolis (Reuter) – Ivan Lendl, the top seed, opened his bid for the US clay court championship title with a straight-sets victory, while the defending champion Andres Gomez survived a scare to advance into the third round.

Lendl beat Slobodan Zivojinovic, of Yugoslavia, 6-4, 6-0; Gomez, of Ecuador, kept his hopes of a second title alive by defeating ninth seed, Libor Pimek, of Czechoslovakia, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

In other matches involving top seeds, the number four, Yannick Noah beat a fellow Frenchman and pratice partner Thierry Tulasne 6-3, 6-4 and the fifth-seeded Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia defeated Philips Tuckniss, of United States, 6-4, 6-1.

Men

Second round: I Lendl (Cz) bt S Zivojinovic (Yug) 6-4, 6-0; G Forget (Fr) bt H Gildemeister (Chile) 6-3, 6-2; G Vilas (Arg) bt P Slozil (Cz) 6-4, 6-2; M Jaite (Arg) bt N Schellenger (US) 6-2, 7-6; B Willenborg (US) bt M Ingaramo (Arg) 6-3, 5-1; Y Noah (Fr) bt T Tulasne (Fr) 6-3, 6-4; J Navratil (Cz) bt A Krickstein (US) 3-6, 6-0, 7-5; L Duncan (US) bt M Dickson (US) 6-2, 6-1; A Gomez (Ec) bt L Pimek (Cz) 3-6, 7-5, 6-4. Third round: H Schwaier (WG) bt J-L Clerc (Arg) 6-3, 6-2.

Women

Third round: M Maleeva (Bul) bt S Goles (Yug) 7-5, 4-6, 7-5; K Gompert (US) bt K Maleeva (Bul) 6-2, 6-2; A Temesvari (Hun) bt B Bowes (US) 6-1, 6-1; R Reggi (It) bt H Kelesi (Can) 6-4, 6-3; D Spence (US) bt M Torres (US) 6-1, 6-3; G Sabatini (Arg) bt S Mascarin (US) 6-3, 6-2; A Ivan (US) bt K Horvath (US) 6-4, 6-0; Z Garrison (US) bt J Kitch (US) 6-1, 2-6, 8-6

● LIVINGSTON, New Jersey, (Reuter) – John Lloyd, of Britain, the fourth seed, was knocked out of the $125,000 New Jersey tournament yesterday by an American amateur Jim Grabb 5-7, 6-1, 6-4 in a second-round match. Lloyd, aged 30, faltered after taking the first set and succumbed to the power of 21-year-old Grabb, a member of the US Junior Davis Cup team.

Men

SECOND ROUND: J Kriek (US) bt E Edwards (SA) 6-3, 6-1; J Grabb (US) bt J Lloyd (GB) 5-7, 6-1, 6-4; D Visser (SA) bt M Freeman (US) 6-3, 6-4; S Giammalva (US) bt R Harmon (US) 6-0, 6-2; B Teacher (US) bt T Cain (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; R Green (US) bt B Schultz (US) 7-6, 6-4; P Annacone (US) bt C Hooper (US) 6-1, 4-6, 7-6; B Green (US) bt D Cassidy (US) 6-1, 6-1.

Women

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND: A Jaeger (US) bt P Paus (US) 6-2, 6-0; M van Nostrand (US) bt R Fox (US) 5-7, 6-0

ATHLETICS

Kazankina's life ban lifted after 18 months

By Pat Butcher

Reinstated: Kazankina

Tatyana Kazankina, the world 3,000 metres record holder, has been reinstated for competition by the International Amateur Athletic Federation. After her refusal to take a dope test after a meeting in Paris on September 4 last year the IAAF council meeting in Canberra in December imposed a life ban on the Soviet multi-medal winner and record holder.

But in common with all "life bans" in the past decade Mrs Kazankina's exclusion from competition will end after 18 months from the date of her offence. She will be eligible to compete next spring, when she will be 34.

Mrs Kazankina's ban was imposed at the same time as that on Martti Vainio, of Finland, who was positively dope tested after winning the 10,000 metres silver medal in the Olympic Games.

Sir Arthur Gold, the president of the European Athletic Association and a leading opponent of doping reinstatements, said yesterday: "Unfortunately, the European association can only disqualify. We have no say when athletes become re-qualified. It seems that there are too many pressures involved with vote catching on the IAAF against disqualification for life."

By a cruel irony the item on Mrs Kazankina's reinstatement in the IAAF press release was followed by the IAAF council's refusal to accept their own arbitration panel's decision to reinstate Renaldo Nehemiah and Willie Gault. Their "crime" was to become professionals in American football two years ago. During that time they have earned less than many top-line athletes who supposedly remain "amateur" under IAAF rules.

By a further irony the documentary on Steve Cram on Channel 4 on Tuesday evening, shown because of the Dairy Crest Edinburgh Games being blacked out after a political row, had Cram saying: "It's an excellent time to be around in athletics because it's changing to the extent where you can make a living out of it, but it hasn't become so commercial that it's become nasty."

No problems for Budd

Zola Budd will be treated "like any other athlete" when she makes her debut in the women's AAA championships at Birmingham on Saturday. This came yesterday from the city's Labour controlled city council in the wake of Tuesday's anti-apartheid row surrounding the 19-year-old South African at Edinburgh.

Television coverage of the Edinburgh Games was blacked out when local Labour councillors refused to remove political banners, and Miss Budd had to sidestep a protester on the track during her mile race.

The only banners on view at this weekend's televised meeting will be proclaiming Birmingham's bid for the 1992 Olympic Games. Extra security will be posted for her 3,000 metres race – and officials are optimistic there will be no trouble.

Ken Barton, the city's deputy leader, said: "Zola Budd is no more and no less important than any other athlete who will be competing. She has been here before without any trouble."

Ian Jesnick, spokesman for ISB, the championship sponsors, said: "We believe the atmosphere will be a lot different from Edinburgh."

IN BRIEF

Koreans pursue Olympic unity

Seoul (Reuter) - South Korea and North Korea have agreed to meet in Lausanne, Switzerland, to discuss a possible unified Korean team for the 1988 Seoul Olympics. South Korean Olympic Committee (KOC) officials said yesterday. The date of the meeting had not yet been decided, but it would be presided over by the International Olympic Committee which had proposed holding the talks.

"It is fortunate that North Korea showed positive response to the IOC-meditated talks in Lausanne though it has still not agreed to the South Korean proposal to hold direct sports talks," a KOC statemet said. The statement said the KOC had accepted the IOC proposal on the condition that North Korea respect the IOC decision to hold the Olympics in Seoul.

BOXING: The promoter, Johnny Griffin, wants the regulations demanding that a percentage of all sponsorship deals struck by promoters, at present paid direct to the British Boxing Board of Control, be abolished. "It is not fair to the promoter who displays initiative in arranging sponsorship for his show, and even more so if television coverage is arranged, Griffin said.

"The prsent 12½ per cent deduction from both sources of revenue is an unfair amount to give to the Board and lessens our bargaining power". Griffin maintains he has enough support for the 300 signatures he requires to call an extra-ordinary meeting of the board to discuss a rule change.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES: The BBC will be the final arbiters in any decision to pull the plug on television coverage of next year's Commonwealth Games. This was made clear yesterday by television executives from Australia and New Zealand who are in Edinburgh on a fact finding tour of the leading sports venues to be used next July. The two nations will back any BBC decision regarding transmission of the games.

The debate was sparked off by Channel 4's decision to pull out of the Dairy Crest Edinburgh games on Tuesday due to "political interference" created by the positioning of two anti-apartheid banners at Meadowbank erected by Edinburgh District Council.

SQUASH RACKETS: A clash of dates has forced the cancellation of the World Masters championships in Warrington in October.

Andrew Shelley, the SRA's competition manager, explained that the tournament, which was due to be sponsored by ICI, had been scheduled for the same time as the Canadian Open championships.

WORLD GAMES

Off and rolling: Stuart Doherty (left) and Richard Chambers, members of the Great Britain roller hockey team, practicing for the World Games which are officially opened at Crystal Palace today (Photograph: Alex Young).

FOOTBALL

Leicester will spend most of Lineker fee

Terry Shipman, the Leicester City chairman, yesterday confirmed that the Club manager, Gordon Milne, will get a large part of the £800,000 fee received for forward Gary Lineker's transfer to Everton to spend on new players.

Milne wants to buy a defender, midfielder and forward to add to his first tem squad.

He made his first buy when he signed the Ipswich England international defender, Russell Osman, for £200,000. Osman, who is 26, has been capped 11 times for England.

● Everton, the football league champions who also won their first European trophy last season, the Cup Winners' Cup, showed a profit on the year of £340,000 compared with a loss of £175,000 in 1984. Salaries accounted for £1.5 million, as against £1.2 million, but attendances showed an overall 66 per cent increase, with average League gates climbing from 19,000 to 32,000.

● *Kevin Mabbutt, formerly of* Crystal Palace, will spend the next week on trial with Coventry, in London. Don Mackay, the Coventry manager, said: "He will train with us during our stay in London and providing we are not breaking any rules he might well play in one of our friendly matches."

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match (11.0 to 6.0).
BRISTOL: Gloucs v Australians.
Britannic Assurance County Championship (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
CHESTERFIELD: Derbys v Yorkshire.
DARTFORD: Kent v Essex.
SOUTHPORT: Lancashire v Surrey.
UXBRIDGE: Middlesex v Northants.
TRENT BRIDGE: Notts v Sussex.
EDGBASTON: Warwicks v Somerset.
WORCESTER: Worcs v Glamorgan.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Cardiff: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire Southampton: Hampshire v Somerset. Market Harborough: Leicestershire v Worcestershire. Harefield: Middlesex v Northamptonshire. Moseley: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire. Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: LORD'S: National Cricket Association Young Cricketers v Combined Services (one day)

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: TSB Women's AAA Championships (at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham); Army decathlon championship (at Aldershot)

CROQUET: Cheltenham tournament.

GOLF: Bloor Homes Eastleigh Ladies Classic (at Fleming park). Royal Birkdale Ladies: Scratch Amateur Trophy (at Royal Birkdale). Trusthouse Forte PGA Seniors championship (at Pannal, Harrogate).

TENNIS: Prudential County Cup: Men: Group one (at Eastbourne); Group two (at Southsea); Group Three (at Cambridge); Group four (at Cromer); Group five (at Ealing); Group six (at Malvern); Group seven (at Felixstowe). Women: Group one (at Eastbourne); Group two (at Cheltenham); Group three (at Worthing); Group four (at Exmouth); Group five (at Poole), Group six (at Hunstanton); Group seven (at Cambridge) Yulll Cup (Public schoolboys' tournament at All England Club, Wimbledon

WORLD GAMES (at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre)

YACHTING– cruisers maxis and swans regatta (at Cowes); International 14s (at Torbay); Dragon Gold Cup (at Edinburgh)
SHOOTING: Queen s Prize (at Bisley).

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: California Angels 8, Milwaukee Brewers 4, Torontro Blue Jays 3, Seattle Mariners 1; Boston Red Sox 6, Oakland A s 5. Detroit Tigers 5, Chicago White Sox 4, Baltimore Orioles 4. Minnesota Twins 2; Kansas City Royals 5, New York Yankees 3; Cleveland Indians 8, Texas Rangers 4 **NATIONAL LEAGUE:** Cincinnati Reds 3, New York Mets 2, St Louis Cardinals 4, San Francisco Giants 0, Montreal Expos 3, Atlanta Braves 1. Philadelphia Phillies 3. Houston Astros 1; Chicago Cubs 4. San Diego Padres 3; Los Angeles Dodgers 9 Pittsburgh Pirates 1.

BADMINTON

JAKARTA: Indonesian Open: British scores: Men's Singles: First round: M Johnson bt M Butler, 11-15, 15-14, 15-10 S Butler bt H Canyo (Indo), 15-10, 17-16; N Yates bt L Mao (China), 17-15, 15-7. G R Yih (Taiwan) bt M Smith, 15-2, 15-9; D Hall bt Yani (Indo). 15-4, 15-1. S Baddeley bt S Pansatthwong (Thai). 15-1, 15-6. E Ismanto (Indo) bt J Ford, 15-11, 15-4 Second rounds: H Juan (China) bt Johnson, 15-2, 15-2; Butler bt Kurniahu (Indo), 15-12, 15-8. Yates bt A Wiralama (Indo), 15-10. Hall bt Y Qranli (China), 13-15, 15-4, 15-11. Baddeley bt S Modi (Ind) w/o

Women's singles: Second round: F Elliott bt Sarwandah (Indo), 11-4, 11-5. E Coene (Neth) bt G Clark, 12-9, 11-6: E Latief (Indo) bt G Gowers, 11-2, 11-0.

BASKETBALL

TEL AVIV: Maccabiah Games: Final: United States 85, Israel 94 Third place: Canada 74, Brazil 55

CYCLING

TROYES, France: 84km criterium exhibition: 1, S Kelly (Ire); 2, G Duclos-Lassalle (Fr). 3, R Simon (Fr).

FOOTBALL

KUALA LUMPUR: Merdeka tournament: Ghana 4. Indonesia 0.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE Wimbledon 52, Canterbury 26, Long Eaton 37, Hackney 40
GOLDEN HAMMER (at Cradley Heath): 1 K Carter (Halifax) 14. 2. H Nielsen (Oxford) 12 (after run-off). 3, E Gundersen (Cradley Heath) 12, 4, P Collins (Cradley Heath) 12.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Queen's Veterans Trophy (over 65): 1 R A Fulton (N London), 98, 2, Miss E Goodacre (Sussex), 98, 3, V C Stein (Aus), 98. Families Trophy (best family pair): 1, John and James Willcox (Wolverhampton), 205; 2, D and W Richards (Manydown), 204, 3, J and G Jackman (BR Commonwealth RC), 202 Amazons Trophy (women in Queen's I): 1, Mrs S Hind (Nottingham), 102; 2, Mrs P A Cuddy (Stock Exchange), 101, 3, Mrs F Day (Essex), 101 Qualifier (overseas competitors), 1, D Burger (SA), 105, 2, P A Laberge (US), 103; 3, C W Kush (USA), 102 Ranelagh Trophy (Service teams): 1 RAF Strike Command A, 396, 2, Naval Air Command, 395, 3, Strike Command B, 390 Short Range Aggregate: 1, S Belither (Uppingham Veterans), 208, 2, J Corbett (Aus), 207, 3 D Lumby (Altcar), 207 Foster Challenge Cup (services): 1, C/Tech D Jones (RAF), 75, 2, F/Lt D P Calvert (RAF), 74; 3 2nd/Lt N Crawshaw (1st Royal Anglian), 74. Police pistol (centre fire): 1, Sgt M Lattey (Avon and Somerset), 517, 2, PC S W Lovell (Avon and Somerset), 514; 3, PC C E Rew (Metropolitan), 514.

YACHTING

SEAVIEW: National Squib Championship: Third race: 1, Thistle (P Dickie and M Butterfield), 2, Satu (D Hewitt and J Leask); 3, Tomcat (J Brown and P Head); 4, Melody (H Walsh and M Fidgin); 5, Pani-Munta (M and R Probart). 6, Genesta (K Adams and B Pearson). Fourth race: 1, Melody. 2, Freyla (M Green and J Towson), 3 Scarab II (B Bush and P Binns), 4, Arf'n Arf (D Honnor and E Davies); 5, Thistle, 6, Blue Nile (R Holbrook and P Thomas).

Fifth race: 1, Thistle (P Dickie and M Butterfield), 2, Hot Stuff (N W Blowers and R Jackson); 3, Melody (H Walsh and M Fidgeon); 4, Tomcat (J Brown and P Head); 5, Artemis II (K Barleycorn and B Radcliffe); 6, Fizz (J M Hodges and S Catchpole. First race (postponed from Monday, raced yesterday): 1, Freyla (Dr M Green and J Dowson); 2, Super Kipper (J Mobbs and P Bloomfield); 3, Artemis II, 4, Thistle, 5, Naughty Girl (J C Sheldon and J Eveleigh); 6, Peragrine (R A Campbell and G Mole)

ST MORITZ, Switzerland: World youth championships: Positions after two races: 420 class: 1 B Young (Aus), 2, M Cavazzasio (It), 3, J Olbrysch (WG) British placings, 5, A Stead Laser class: 1, A Willm (WG); 2, A Beadsworth (GB), 3, J-M Hank (Neth) Mistral boards: 1, C Lawrence (Aus), 2, K Price (Aus), 3, B Edgington (GB).

SHOOTING: QUEEN'S PRIZE COMPETITORS PREPARE FOR A STIFFER CHALLENGE IN THEIR QUEST FOR THE BRONZE MEDAL

Peden joins shoot-off after mix-up over cards

By Our Shooting Correspondent

Seven top marksmen who were to shoot off tonight for the bronze medal awarded to the top competitor in the first stage of the Queen's Prize at Bisley, suddenly found yesterday that they have extra competition – and from a former Queen's Prize winner.

Lindsey Peden (Oxford and Cambridge Rifle Association) who had won the top award in 1982 had, like the seven, scored 104 but his card, together with several others, with scores good enough for the second stage, had disappeared in a mix-up when they were collected. The problem was solved by tannoy announcements and a check on the personal score books of competitors who thought they had been left out.

Another leading personality who had a near miss, until he protested and had his scores checked, was Alain Marion, the Canadian policeman, who won the prize in 1980 and 1983.

Although 104 was the top score in the Queen's Prize, the top score on the range, a 105, came from Deon Burger, a captain in the South African Navy, who won the Qualifier Gold Medal event, run in parallel with the Queen's Prize first stage, for non-British competitors.

The grand aggregate result does not come out officially until today but there was no doubt last night that it will go to John Warburton (Huddersfield RC). He and Arthur Clarke both scored 73 out of 75 in the Price of Wales event, the last one counting in the aggregate, which meant that the Yorkshireman's lead of five points was unaffected, and it is likely that Clarke will be the runner-up.

The Prince of Wales prize competition, shot yesterday at 600 yards, produced some high scores in ideal shooting conditions and 25 who made the highest possible 75, with all 15 shots in the bull, will have to reshoot tonight.

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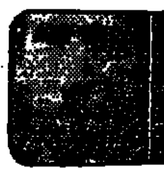
Smoke of battle cloaks haven for romantics



Simon Barnes

Sport is thickly populated with romantics – it is just that the romantics all try to act as if they were the most frightfully down-to-earth chaps. Sportsmen pretend to be utterly sensible, sane, ordinary and boring – quite a few manage this with extraordinary conviction – but, deep in the heart of every sportsman, lurks the spirit that drove Reepicheep, the valorous mouse from C. S. Lewis' *Narnia* books to the edge of the world and beyond: Reepicheep, whose "mind was full of forlorn hopes, death-or-glory charges and last stands".

I do not believe that there is a sportsman alive who lacks all trace of the chivalrous Reepicheep. It is just that with some sportsmen, it is more noticeable than with others, and that some sports display this spirit more openly.

Bisley is a vast haven for romantics. You can see this in the little colonial bungalows that dot the place, in the cocky stride of the men in their poetic hats (which of course they have to wear "because it keeps the sun from their eyes"); you can see it, too, in the women who strut like urban guerrillas in enormous shooting jackets. Bisley people pretend they are an awfully pedestrian bunch, and they talk about the minutiae of wind deflection rather than death or glory, but that doesn't prevent them from being a bunch of closet romantics.

But some have emerged further from the closet than others. You need only to smell their event to know this. It was the International Black Powder Match in which members of the Muzzle Loaders Association of Great Britain, armed with long, slim, over-elegant rifles, all made in the 1860s, attempted to repel borders from the United States and Canada.

Everything about the attempt was quixotic. The opposition was armed with much snappier breech-loaders, like reproduction Martinis, while the Brits were ramming gunpowder into their authentic pieces, mostly from authentic powder flasks. They know the derivation of the expression about keeping your powder dry, just as they know all about going off half-cocked. But there is never anything half-cocked about the Muzzle Loaders Association, save literally.

Of course, they come third in the competition (which is rather like coming second in a cricket match) but that was hardly the point. The point was that the air was thick with a smoke of battle, and you simply don't get the smoke of battle, even at battles, these days, any more than you get that hanging, blood-tingling bonfire night smell of black powder: "Once you've smelt that you never want to smell anything else," said the competition referee, Duncan Bedford.

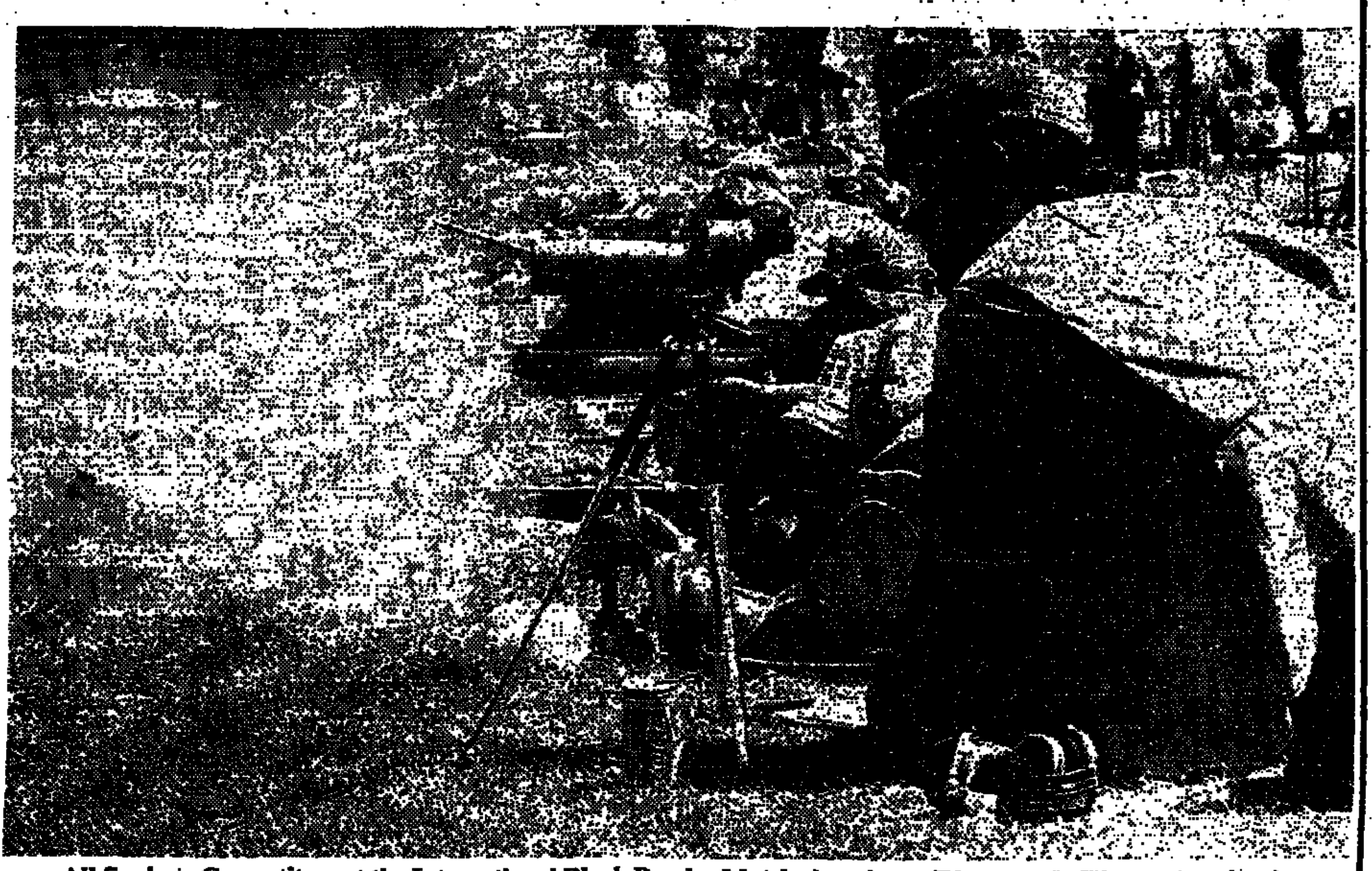
They keep telling you it is the practical problems that engross them. The only thing their captain, Bill Curtis, really wanted to explain was: "We are not, repeat not, the sort of people who go about in Davy Crockett hats." Well, perhaps that would not be truly romantic. That would be messing about. The true gunman is immersed in the heady romance of technology, antique or modern technology, and he needs no props that are not tools.

"The fascination is to get an old gun and to make it shoot as straight as it ever would", said a British team member, Phil Hendy. "Shooting with a modern gun gets boring and predictable. But with an old gun, your performance will change with the weather – literally."

Dry, bright days get the barrel crusted with debris from each shattering explosion, but on humid days the moisture in the air keeps the barrel cleaner longer. Naturally this affects the way the gun shoots. Also, while it is true that every marksman is affected by the wind, if you are shooting, say, an 1860 Gibbs Metford you are firing a bullet four times the size of a modern one, and it will travel more slowly, on an enormous arc (57 feet above the target at range of 1,000 yards) and so the wind effects are dramatic.

Yet the muzzle loading men claim to be very nearly as accurate as men with modern target weapons, and certainly as accurate as men with the .303s. They are also, they say, more accurate than the original users of the guns: modern solvents and modern oils keep the guns in better nick. "With a modern gun you know that the bullet will go where you point it every time", Hendy said. "It's not quite the same with a muzzle loader." It is perhaps the difference between riding a motor bike and a horse – and give me the horse any day. Especially if we are talking about sport.

They declared the match over with a blast from a cannon, and then gathered for team photographs, looking rather like the cast for Rembrandt's "Nightwatch". There was tha same look of immensely practical people of affairs, and the same feeling that such a look was utterly bogus. They talked practically about bullet weights and wind deflection, but the darkest corner of their minds was still a place full of forlorn hopes and death-or-glory charges. The spirit of Reepicheep walks abroad, at Bisley, and indeed, still heavily disguised, across the rest of the sporting world.



All fired up: Competitors at the International Black Powder Match shoot it out (Photograph: Warren Harrison)

BOXING

Cowdell and Nelson to meet in October

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

The contest that every boxing follower wants to see, Pat Cowdell, of Engalnd against Barry McGuigan, of Ireland, came a little bit closer yesterday when it was announced that Cowdell is to meet Azumah Nelson, of Ghana, the World Boxing Council featherweight champion of October 5 or 12, at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

If Cowdell were to lift the title, a bout to unify the world championship with McGuigan, who is the World Boxing Association champion, would almost certainly be on the cards. The two sides have been shaking their fists at each other and that would be the time to show they meant business. Frank Warren, the promoter who is putting on the show at the NEC together with Don King, the American promoter, said "If Pat wins, the fight with McGuigan would be a natural."

But first to get past the tough Ghanaian, who won the title in 1984 by stopping the fearsome Wilfredo Gomez, who is now the world junior-lightweight champion. It will be Cowdell's second attempt at the world title. The last time he met the great Slavador Sanchez, in Houston in 1981 and fought him to a split decision.

"I'm a better fighter now and a lot stronger then when I fought Sanchez" the 31-year-old Cowdell said yesterday: "I've given up all the odd jobs I used to do since coming back after my retirement in 1983. I was never involved in too many wars and I am as fresh as ever. Winning the world title is the only thing left for me. I've done everything else."

Warren said that he was still negotiating for American television. There seems, a good chance of getting them interested, especially as Americans are so taken with McGuigan. "We are trying to get American televison" Warren said.

EQUESTRIANISM

Horse has last word

Lucinda Green, the world three-day event champion, and her Australian-born husband, David, winners of the first two Croft Original horse trials championships, are among the record entry of 140 riders at this year's event at Gatcombe Park, Gloucestershire, from August 3 to 4.

Mrs Green, who has started competing again after having her first baby in the spring, has entered the 17-year-old Village Gossip, her title-winning partner who was set for retirement. "He missed the atmosphere of competition and just wasn't ready to retire," she said.

Britain's Olympic Games silver medal team – Mrs Green, Virginia Holgate, Ian Stark and Diane Clapham – will also be in the field for an event which comes a month before the European championships at Burghley. Mark Todd, of New Zealand, and Charisma IV, the Los Angeles gold medal winners, head the international entries.

Sponsor to pull out

Richard Meade, the triple Olympic gold medallist, is to lose his sponsors, George Wimpey, at the end of October (Jenny MacArthur writes). A spokesman for the firm said they were withdrawing from the sport "with extreme regret".

During the last six years, Meade has won his second Badminton (1982 on Speculator III), collected team gold medals in the 1981 European and 1982 World championships (Kilcashel), and the following year was runner up at Burghley (Kilcashel).

The last 12 months have been less fruitful. He was not picked for the Los Angeles Olympic Games, Kilcashel missed Badminton because of a splint, and shortly afterwards the 10 year-old Andeguy was found to have a serious heart murmur. The autumn season should be more rewarding, Kilcashel is long listed for the European championships at Burghley in September.

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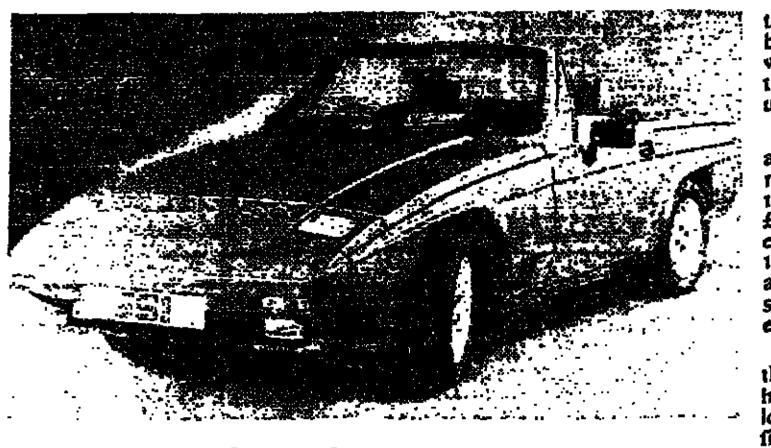

In great demand: the Reliant Scimitar SS1

It is only six months since the little Reliant Scimitar SS1 went on sale and already demand for the first popular priced open sports car since the MG Midget and Triumph Spitfire looks set to change the face of the Tamworth company. Initial production of 20 a week has been doubled and every car is being made to a specific customer's order.

That amounts to a very respectable 2,000 SS1s a year for the home market alone and Mr Ritchie Spencer, Reliant's managing director, hopes to add another 1,500 when he moves into export markets. SS1 will be shown at next year's Geneva Motor Show and enter the North American market a year later.

He said: "We have the capacity to make 3,500 a year and if we do it will more than double Reliant's turnover from £13 million a year to about £30 million. We are already back into a break-even situation after losses in the first half of the year.

To date there are about 300 SS1s on the road but orders already taken for delivery in the "bonanza" month of August look like doubling that. Forty new dealers have been added to the network as a direct result of SS1's potential making a total of 260.

Sadly the big 2.8 Scimitar GTE is being phased out by the end of the year. Many will regret the passing of this unique fibre glass bodied sports cum estate car. But looked at from Reliant's side it makes sound economic sense. Production is down to six a week and the amount of staff time necessary to supervise the ordering and to monitor the delivery of components from outside suppliers is just as costly as for 40 SS1s a week.

The GTE's disappearance will leave Reliant with a two-car line up which can be handled on the one assembly line – the SS1 and the older Rialto 2, the latest of a long line of Reliant three wheelers. Rialto production is running slightly ahead of the sports car at 45 a week.

SS1 pricing is already under review. The launch price of £6,995 for the 1300 cc and £7,795 for the 166 cc were necessarily shots in the dark. There was and still is no comparable car on the market against which to price it. To play safe and test public response, Mr Spencer erred on the low side. The danger now is that even a 5 per cent increase would push the two models well over £7,000 and £8,000 respectively bringing them into direct competition with some of the hottest hatchbacks.

Testing SS1

On the road the Michelotti-styled SS1 with its German-built chassis is a Jekyll and Hyde car depending upon which of the engine options you choose. Both use Ford engines from the Bridgend plant but while the 1,300cc is a mediocre performer the 1,600cc, the same unit as fitted to the Escort XR3, puts the power down in a very reassuring manner.

The hot "hatches" will still have the edge but they cannot offer the exhilaration that accompanies open air motoring. The plastic body panels are completely unstressed being bolted to the fabricated steel chassis and easily removed for repairs or replacement. Some initial doubts were voiced about this method of construction and its possible reaction in serious accidents. These have now been dispelled as a result of extensive testing by insurance industry experts. They have given SS1 an insurance group rating of 5, the lowest ever for an open top sports car.

Vital Statistics

Model: Reliant Scimitar SS1 1.6
Price: £7,795
Engine: Ford 1600 cc
Performance: 0-60 mph, 9.6 seconds: max speed, 110 mph.
Official consumption: urban, 27.3 mpg: 56 mph, 46 mpg; 75 mph, 35.9 mpg.
Length: 12.7 feet
Insurance: Group 5.

I cannot fault SS1's road manners. The ride comfort is surprisingly good for such a small car and the steering direct without being over responsive or twitchy. With brutal handling it is possible to get the back end breaking away but the car is still controllable and predictable: My only worrying moment came when a nasty pothole found me already "in extremis" on a fast bend. It pulled the car off-line momentarily but not sufficient to call for anything other than minor readjustment.

The hood is easy to erect and just as easy to lower. As always however, the plastic rear window needs care to avoid scratching or creasing. The hood fit is excellent for such a low priced car and kept noise to a reasonable level for a sports car even at motorway maximums.

Useful boot space is made available by storing the spare wheel under the bonnet. Its upright position behind the radiator provides extra protection for the engine in the event of a head on collision.

The general finish is adequate without winning any accolades and some minor fittings will clearly benefit from development work. A few I pointed out in the early factory car I drove are already being modified in the latest production runs. None of this, however, affects my overall view that this is a very worthy successor to the long line of low priced sports cars which were once such a feature of British car making.

Italian weekend

Looking at the wide choice of estate cars on sale it is difficult to accept that their popularity is waning. But that is the surprising trend revealed by registration statistics. In the last six years estate cars have fallen from 12 per cent of annual registrations to 7.6 per cent.

So why are new estate models still pouring into Britain? The fact is that despite the decline this country remains one of the largest estate car markets in Europe surpassed only by Switzerland and West Germany. Until Austin Rover began fighting back with the very successful Montego Estate the importers had a field day here with Volvo, Peugeot and Citreon to the fore.

One of the latest arrivals is the Fiat Regata Weekend derived from the front wheel drive Regata saloon. Fiat claim that it is a more advanced design than most of the competition in the medium sized or "D" sector of the market with a number of interesting innovations. The most practical is the split tailgate enabling the rear bumper to be hinged and lowered out of the way to provide a flat extension to the floor for easier loading and unloading.

Two versions, the 1.6 85 comfort and the 1.6 twin cam 100 Super, are now on sale here at very competitive prices. The Comfort costs £6,348 and the faster more lavishly equipped 100 Super £7,399. I drove the 100 Super recently and found it a very competent performer with some of the best front seats I have enjoyed for a very long time.

They gave excellent support to the vulnerable lower back area and had just enough side support up to lower shoulder height to keep you firmly in postion on sharp corners without being unduly restrictive. I was also delighted to find a seat with a reasonably flat base. So many of today's seats have the front high in the air putting too much pressure on the under side of the thighs and forcing you back into what soon develops into a crater like depression at the rear of the seat.

Vital statistics

Model: Fiat Regata 100 Super Weekend
Price: £7,399
Engine: 1585cc Twin OHC
Performance: 0-62mph, 10 seconds; max speed, 112mph.
Official consumption: urban, 26.9 mpg; 56 mph, 46.7 mpg; 75 mph, 36.2.
Length: 14 feet
Insurance: Group 5

Fiat's 1585cc twin cam engine with electronic ignition has been around for several years and is one of the best in the business. It is beautifully free revving delivering its power with such smooth efficiency that you need to keep a careful eye on the speedo if you are not to attract unwelcome attention. As a result the 100 Super is probably the best 1.6 estate on the market reaching 62mph (100kph) in only 10 seconds and topping 112mph flat out.

It is also an undemanding car to drive with power steering as standard on the 100 Super together with electric front windows, central door locking, a stereo radio-cassette, tinted glass and remote control door mirrors. I particularly liked the roller blind which can be extended from the rear seats to hide the contents from prying eyes.

At just 14 feet overall the Weekend is the shortest estate in the "D" sector and this must be one of the reasons for its very nippy handling. Rear seat leg room is a little restricted to enable maximum space to be given to the load carrying areas which is surprisingly good for an estate car at least six inches shorter than all its rivals.

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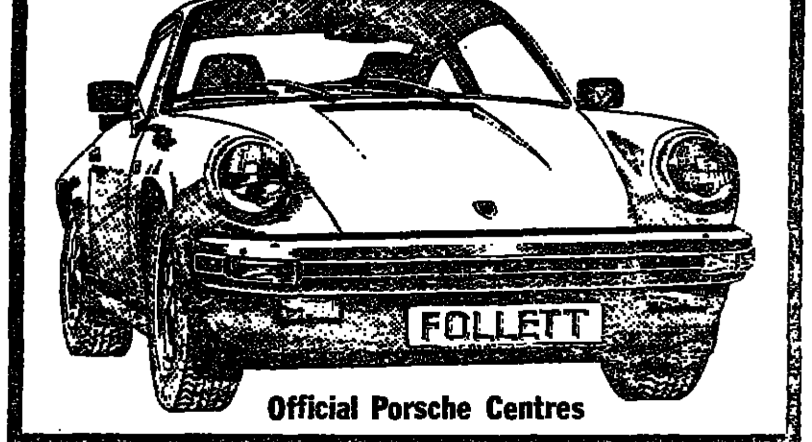

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BAINTON – On July 24th in London to Annabel and John, a daughter.

BROWNE – On July 20th 1985 to Sara (nee Washington) & Chris a son – (Louis Alexander).

CHETWYND-TALBOT, on July 23 to Sarah and Paul – a son.

COMPSTON – On July 21st to Caroline (née Odgers) and Christopher, a daughter, Harriet, half sister to Joshua and Emily.

COUPER. – On July 18th at Princess Anne Hospital, Southampton, to Pamela (née Cutler) and Andrew – a son (Hamish Alastair).

DLUGOSZ. On 22nd July, 1985, to Moira (née Young) and Anthony, a daughter Jennifer, a sister for Joseph.

ERSKINE – On July 19 in Eastbourne to Charlotte (née Hodsoll) and Peter – a son, (Andrew) a brother for Emily and Harriet.

LAYTON – On 24th July, to Ann (Pham) and James, a son, Thomas William, a brother for Kate, Rebecca and Alexandra.

MILLER. On July 21st to Brigid and Jonathan, a son (Ivo Augustus (Gus)), brother for Tanya, Daniel and Lorimer.

NICHOLS – On July 22nd, at West Park Hospital, Macclesfield, to Jane (née Kirkham) & Paul, a son, Richard David Tristrin. A most welcome brother for James & Peter.

OLDRIDGE – On July 23rd 1985, to Clare (née Johnston) and David – a son, Rupert William, a brother for (Nicholas).

O'REILLY. – On July 23rd to Nicola (née O'Hea) and Charles, a son, Henry, brother for James.

PEMBROKE – On 21st July at King's College Hospital to Jacqueline (nee Hall) and Andrew – a son (Charles Dominic).

RINGROSE – On 24th July to Tessa (nee Drabble) and Bobby – a daughter (Francesca Camilla).

ROBERTSON on 23rd July to Kay & Ian a daughter Flora Mary Struan.

SHIRLEY. On 24th July at Rochford Hospital to Claire (née Foster) & Robert, a son (Benjamin Kyle).

SLATER – On July 19th, to Jennie and Jim – a daughter, (Vernessa Elizabeth Hearne).

VACCARO. On 22nd July at Maracay, Venezuela to Lucia (née Pearson) and Rodolfo – a daughter, Alexandra Ruth.

WYBER On July 24th at Whipps Cross Hospital to Jean (nee Lund) and Richard, a son, Harold William, brother for Stephen.

RUBY WEDDING

HORNER, Bamford – On 26th July, 1945, at Paignton Parish Church, Robert William Horner & Audrey Betty Bamford.

GOLDEN WEDDING

COOK-MILLS. On July 26 1935 at Wymering Church, Portsmouth, William Cook to Gladys Mills, now at Langstone, Hampshire.

DEATHS

ANDERSON – On July 24 1985, suddenly but peacefully in hospital after a very short illness, Major Denham Anderson, of 7 Lewes Crescent, Brighton, late of the Royal Norfolk Regiment. Darling husband of Molly. Service at Rottingdean Parish Church (St Margaret's) on Wednesday, July 31 at 2.30pm. followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to E Carter & Son, 20 Marine Drive, Rottingdean.

CLINCH. – On 22nd July, 1985, Alice Maude Clinch in her 90th year. Wife of the late W. N. C. Clinch and mother of John and Patrick, also of Jill and Tony deceased. Funeral at The Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on Monday 29 July at 3 pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, P.O. Box 123, London.

DARWENT, Margaret Stewart "Betty" (née Sadler), on 24th July in Trinidad after a long illness. Loved wife of Walter, mother of Nigel, Jennifer, Gillian and Charles.

DE SAINT INNOCENT – On July 5th, Mourra, beloved mother of Audrey and grandmother of Marina, Camilla and Giles. The funeral has taken place.

FORTESCUE-FOULKES On July 24th at Holcombe House, Moretonhampstead, Devon, Richard Kenrick Fortescue-Foulkes, M.B., B.S., aged 91. Funeral Service at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium, Topsham Rd, Exeter at 2.00 pm, Tuesday July 30th. No flowers but donations if desired to Friends of Exeter Cathedral.

FOTHERGILL – On 23rd July, Enid Frances, aged 72 years, at Mount Vernon hospital, peacefully after a long illness. "In his presence is fullness of joy". Greatly missed by her twin brothers, Rev's Gurth and Guy Fothergill, their wives and families and by Dorothy Greeves. Funeral service at St Andrews Church, Chorleywood, Herts, on Tuesday July 30th at 2.15pm. Donations for C. M. S. Ruanda, may be sent in lieu of flowers, to St Andrews Church, Chorleywood.

GASPAR – on 22nd July 1985, at Brompton Hospital, Professor Emery Gaspar husband of Kitty and father of Caroline funeral service at St Johns Church, Ladbroke Grove, W11, Tuesday 30th July at 2.30pm. Instead of flowers, donations please to Dr Radda, Clinical Magnetic Research Group, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

HOGBIN. – On July 23rd 1985 suddenly but peacefully in Tenterden, Elizabeth Jackson, aged 85. Lately of Lion Cottage, High Halden. Funeral service High Halden Parish Church nr Ashford, Kent, on Wednesday 31st July at 1.45pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research.

HOLMES. On July 19, suddenly while on holiday in France, John Keeton of 17 Orchard Close, Wenvoe, dearly loved husband of Judith, a loving father of Miles, Ivan and Damian. Dearly loved son of Elizabeth and the late Joseph. Son-in-law of Jack and Christine Wroe. Resting at A. G. Adams and Son, Tynewydd, Funeral Home, Gladstone Rd, Barry (where flowers may be sent) until the funeral on Monday. Service at Dinas Powys Methodist Church 2.30 followed by interment at Wenvoe Cemetery.

KETTERINGHAM. Tragically in an accident whilst on holiday in Greece. On July 24, Michelle Ann, aged 21, dearly loved daughter of Arthur and Jean, 2 St Bartholomew's Close, Norwich and sister of Linda and John. Funeral arrangements later.

LLOYD – On July 23, Peacefully after a long illness, Gwendoline, dearly loved by her daughters Andrea and Susan and her four grandchildren. Funeral service at 2.30 Friday 2nd August, Boldre Church, Lymington. In lieu of flowers please donate Medical Oncology (Cancer) Research fund, C/o F. W. House & Sons Lymington.

PAGE. On July 17th at Penzance, Barbara Betty, radiologist, formerly of Malaysia, Hongkong and Africa.

SAXON – On July 22nd 1985 peacefully, Norah Saxon T.D., beloved wife of the late F. C. Saxon of Chester, dearest mother of Pat and Catherine, loved grandmother and great grandmother. Service at Llanrhos church, Deganwy on Friday 26th July at 2pm. Donations if desired to SSAFA, c/o Nat West Bank, The Plain, Thornbury, Bristol.

SHINE – On July 23, 1985, suddenly in the garden, Colonel William Burleigh Shine, OBE, late RAOC and the Kings Regiment, aged 77, of Englemere Lodge, Ascot. Dear husband of Daphne and much loved father of Nina, William and Anna, and grandfather of Alexander, Sophia, Dinny and Catherine. Funeral service on Monday, 29th July at All Saints, Ascot, at 3.00 pm, followed by private cremation.

SPILLANE, JOHN DAVID (Jerry) MD, FRCP. – On July 23rd at home, Prescelly, Newport, Pembrokeshire, much loved husband of Joan, devoted father of Gillie, Susie and John, and dearly loved grandfather of their children. Private funeral at St Mary's Parish Church, Newport, 11 am Friday July 26th. Family flowers only.

STANTON. – On 20th July 1985, John Wyndham of Purlieus Farmhouse, Ewen, Cirencester, Gloucestershire. Husband of Rosemary and father of Richard, Anthony and Susan. Private funeral.

TATHAM – On July 24, the Reverend J. G. T. Tatham (Christopher) M.A. aged 97. Rector of Stock 1945-1968 Requiem Mass 11 am, Wednesday July 31st. All Saints Church, Stock.

DEATHS

WADE – On July 24, peacefully in hospital, Eileen Kirkpatrick Wade, aged 93, loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, former secretary to Lord Baden-Powell. Funeral at Shrivenham Church at 3pm on July 30. Donations if desired to St Andrews Church Appeal, c/o Lloyds Bank, Shrivenham.

WHITEHEAD – On 24th July 1985, peacefully at his home, 6, Calverly Park, Tunbridge Wells, John Whitehead, loving husband of the late Margaret, aged 97 years. A beloved father and grandfather. Funeral at the Church of King Charles the Martyr, followed by private cremation. No flowers, thankyou. Details from J. W. Pope, Tunbridge Wells 22221.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

YOUNG, James O. – A memorial service will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Friday 13th September at 11 am.

IN MEMORIAM

HERBERT. Dr E. M. Herbert. Affectionately remembered by his wife and family.

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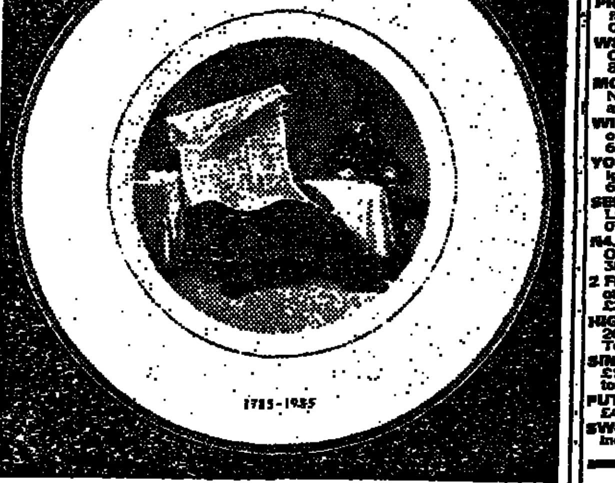

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Debbie Greenwood Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20, 7.45 and 8.20; pop videos at 7.32; Lynn Faulds Wood's Danger Watch consumer report at 8.15; and Worship's Week at 8.37. Plus, food shopping advice and gardening hints. The guests are Peggy Mount and Russ Conway

9.20 The Pink Panther Show. Three cartoons (r) 9.40 Huckleberry Finn and His Friends. Huck and his chums witness a murder in a cemetery (r) 10.05 Why Don't You..? Ideas for things to do from a group of Bristol children (r) 10.30 Play School, presented by Carol Chell 10.50 Ceefax.

1.00 News After Noon with Frances Coverdale and Moira Stuart. The weather details are provided by Bill Giles 1.27 Regional News (London and SE only Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles) 1.30 The Flumps. (r) 1.45 Ceefax.

2.15 Racing from Ascot. Julian Wilson introduces coverage of four races – the Rous Memorial Stakes (2.30), the Virginia Water Maiden Stakes (3.00) the Brown Jack Stakes (3.30), and the Sandwich Maiden Stakes (4.05) 4.18 Regional News (not London).

4.20 Little Misses and the Mister Men. Pauline Collins and John Alderton with Little Miss Splendid, and Arthur Lowe with Mister Jelly (r) 4.35 The All New Popeye Show (r).

4.55 Newsround Extra. Paul McDowell reports from the Netherlands and Britain on the measures being taken to make fairgrounds safer 5.05 Fast Forward. Video fun presented by Floella Benjamin (r). 5.30 Now Get Out of That. The two teams face more ingenious tests of skill and survival. Introduced by Bernard Falk (r).

6.00 News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Wogan. The guests include Marvin Hamlisch, Linda Hunt, Eudo Lidenberg, Wayne Eagleton and members of England's 1966 World Cup Football squad.

7.40 Cover Up. Dani and Jack, the two United States secret agents, are in Austria to check on reports that Sonny Rando, a comedian, may be a spy for an Iron Curtain country (Ceefax).

8.30 Sharon and Elsie. The last in the series of comedies starring Brigit Forsyth and Janette Beverley as friends and workmates.

9.00 News with John Humphrys. Weather.

9.25 Give Us a Break starring Robert Lindsay as Micky Noades, a shady entrepreneur trying to make a living by managing a promising snooker player (r) (Ceefax).

10.15 Omnibus: Luck and Flaw's Illustrated Guide to Caricature. A profile of Roger Law and Peter Fluck, the creators of the cruel caricatures seen on Spitting Image (see Choice).

11.10 Film: Family Reunion (1981) starring Bette Davis and Roy Dotrice. A made-for-television story in two parts (part two next Friday) about Elizabeth, a retired school mistress who is given an unlimited travel pass as a leaving present. She decides to visit friends and relations in far-flung corners of the globe but while she is away her town's worthies plot to sell off part of the New England town which was named after Elizabeth's family. Directed by Fielder Cook.

12.45 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.18, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 and 9.22; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop video at 7.54; Joni Barnett's postbag at 8.15; Jimmy Greaves' television highlights at 8.40; activities for children at 8.50; pop group Simply Red at 9.03. The guests include Matthew Kelly.

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9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Larry the Lamb (r).

9.40 Film: Old Mother Riley's New Venture* (1949) starring Arthur Lucan and Kitty McShane. Comedy with Mother Riley in charge of a hotel Directed by John Harlow 11.05 Home. Drama serial (r).

11.30 About Britain. A week in the life of Sue and Alan Lamb. Sue is a peace protestor who spends most of the time camping at Greenham Common while her husband is in their home in Wales looking after their two daughters.

12.00 Heggerty Haggerty. George Cole with another tale about the friendly witch (r) 12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets (Oracle).

12.30 Jobwatch. A repeat of Sunday's programme about an Open Learning project.

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin. Weather 1.20 Thames news.

1.30 Film: Johnny on the Spot* (1954) starrin Hugh McDermott and Elspet Gray. On his release from a South American prison, mining engineer Johnny Breakes goes searching for the man responsible for his wrongful incarceration Directed by Maclean Rogers.

3.00 That's My Dog. Canine quiz presented by Derek Hobson 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters

4.00 Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10 4.15 Victor and Maria (r) 4.25 Emu's World presented by Rod Hull (r) 4.50 Cartoon Time. Knighty Knight Bugs (r) 4.55 The Joke Machine, with The Krankies 5.15 Cartoon Alphabet.

5.45 News with Michael Nicholson.

6.00 Thames Weekend News.

6.15 Police 5. Shaw Taylor with more clues to unsolved crimes in the London area.

6.30 The Zodiac Game. Astrology quiz.

7.00 And There's More. Comedy series starring Jimmy Cricket, Jessica Martin and Rory Bremner with special guest, world professional snooker champion, Dennis Taylor.

7.30 British Candid Camera. A selection of schoolboy japes played on unsuspecting victims.

8.00 That's My Boy. The last programme in the comedy series starring Mollie Sugden as the possessive mother of a married son (r) (Oracle).

8.30 Marjorie and Men. The painter and decorator at Marjorie's bank tries to woo her with witty words. (Oracle).

9.00 Shine on Harvey Moon. Rita is rejected by a man she fancies and turns to Harvey for solace and they spend their first night together for ten years. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Pamela Armstrong.

10.30 Film: Boomerang (1976) starring Alain Delon. A successful businessman's cosy life comes to an end when his son is involved in shooting a policeman and the subsequent investigations unearth a past the businessman wants to keep quiet. Directed by Jose Giovanni.

12.15 In Concert. Demis Roussos.

1.25 Night Thoughts.

Anne Wiazemsky in Godard's One Plus One: Channel 4 11.30pm

CHOICE

● Politicians and public figures may well feel that, for all the well-meant warnings about words, sticks and stones, some-one should have mentioned the latex. Artists Roger Law and Peter Fluck – garbled, professionally, to the trade-mark Luck & Flaw – have an awesome talent for rubbering people up the wrong way, creating life-size latex versions of the great as generally seen only in their nightmares or their morning-after mirrors. A style which grew through magazines to reach a television apotheosis in *Spitting Image* is set in historical context by Mary Dickinson's excellent film for OMNIBUS (BBC1, 10.15pm.) A form which seems unique – print caricature with strings attached – is established, through Luck and Flaw's personal selection of their predecessors, as a three-dimensional tangent to a line drawn, historically, through Gillray, Grosz, Cruickshank and Low. Pen-men from the current crop – explain from where they draw their fire and reveal minds which view, for example, Lord Wilson of Rievaulx as "a circular blob and a pipe." It is another notable achievement from a born-again Arts series, the success of which is a new slot and format suggests in Michael Grade a greater acumen than Luck & Flaw's snivelling schoolboy version of him might admit.

● *Commercial Breaks*, the series which plays Boswell to the businessman, fixes tonight on Ned Steinberger, creator of a plastic guitar, a tool for once as hi-tech and synthetic as the music it oozes. ON KEY (BBC2, 9.30) tells of Steinberger's initial striking of a public chord and later struggles with soaring demand and limping supply. For an English audience of a certain age, the instrument itself seems strangely close to that wielded by Dylan, the *Magic Roundabout's* rocking rabbit, but, as so often with this series, your head rings like a cash till with the wonder of a world as exhilarating as it is alien and off-putting.

● PUMPING LACE (Channel 4, 9.35pm) follows those American women intent on looking less like Fay Wray and more like the monster himself. The Queen Kongs, as comically mis-shapen as the men they ape, see their bodice-bursting a part of the American search for self-awareness; if not the couch or pilgrimage, the gym.

Mark Lawson

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Ceramics Under Stress. 7.20 Weekend Outlook. Ends at 7.25.

9.00 Ceefax.

4.40 Monkey. Serial about a group of pilgrims. With their destination at hand Sandy frees Tripitaka from the King of the Rocks and Monkey pleads with Buddha to be released from his service (r).

5.25 News Summary with subtitles. Weather

5.30 Heroes. Eric Robson talks to botanist and broadcaster, David Bellamy, who reveals the people he puts on a pedestal. These include three Victorian explorers, David Livingstone, Alfred Wallace and Henry Bates; children's writer Arthur Ransome; the singer Edith Piaf; and suffragette Connie Lewcock (First shown on BBC North East).

6.00 Film: Tarzan and the Lost Safari (1956) starring Gordon Scott and Robert Beatty. Tarzan comes to the rescue when a private 'plane carrying a party of socialites crashes in the jungle. One of the women passengers is then captured by natives. With Wilfrid Hyde White, Yolande Donlan and George Coulouris. Directed by Bruce Humberstone.

7.20 Reputations. Anthony Howard assess the impact of Kenneth Tynan. With contributions from, among others, Tynan's two wives, Elaine Dundy and Kathleen Tynan, Tom Stoppard, Sir Ralph Richardson, Jonathan Miller, Sir Harold Hobson and Paul Johnson (r).

8.20 Delia Smith's One is Fun! This week's edition is for the single vegetarian with recipes using lentils in salads, moussaka and tagliatelle.

8.35 Gardeners' World from Barnsdale, presented by Geoff Hamilton and Margaret Waddy. Advice on tree planting that is within the guidelines laid down by the British Standards Institute; growing Brussels sprouts; and devices for watering gardens while on holiday are included in this week's programme.

9.00 My Music. Steve Race introduces the first of a new series of the lighthearted musical quiz. With Frank Muir, John Amis, Ian Wallace and Denis Norden.

9.30 Commercial Breaks. The story of New Yorker Ned Steinberger who has invested a new electric bass-guitar that has arrived on the pop scene with a vengeance. But he is losing money because he cannot produce enough guitars to cover his overheads (see Choice).

9.55 An Extraordinary Joe. A profile of Joe Brown, one of the world's leading rock climbers, who has to work as a shopkeeper and plumber in order to finance his travels around the world to find the most challenging rock climbs.

10.45 Newsnight. 11.30 Weather.

11.35 Open University: Community Theatre. Ends at 12.05.

CHANNEL 4

2.15 The Queen and God's Wonderful Railway. The Queen with the Duke of Edinburgh at Bristol's Temple Meads station on the occasion of the Great Western Railway's 150th anniversary.

3.30 The World Games 1985. The first of ten transmissions on consecutive days of the sports meeting featuring competitions rarely, if ever, seen at normal meetings. This afternoon's programme includes the opening ceremony at Wembley Conference Centre and then roller hockey and speed skating from Crystal Palace.

4.30 Television Scrabble. Auberon Waugh is joined by a member of the public and they challenge yesterday's winners of the electronic board game.

5.00 I Dream of Jeannie. Vintage American comedy series (r).

5.30 Swank. Members of Brighton Football team model designer sportswear; Madame Petulengro looks into her crystal ball to see the future for fashion, and there is a broad look at today's textiles (Oracle).

5.50 Ready, Steady, Go!* with Gene Pitney, The Who, The Moody Blues and P. J. Proby. Presented by Cathy McGowan and Keith Fordyce (r).

6.20 Soul Train presented by Jeffrey Daniel. Appearing this evening are Loose Ends, Barbara Pennington, Michael Love-Smith and Total Contrast. The archive spot features Michael Jackson and Barry White, and Maze are the featured video

7.00 Channel Four News and weather.

7.30 Gardeners' Calendar Roadshow, introduced by Hannah Gordon. Bertie Doe, Ralph Haywood and David Pycraft from the Royal Horticultural Society are in Stoke to help viewers with their gardening problems.

8.00 What the Papers Say. Alexander Chancellor of the Sunday Telegraph reviews how the Press has treated the week's news.

8.15 Shape of the World. What would happen if the Berlin Wall disappeared and Germany became one nation? Charles Wheeler chairs a discussion (r).

9.00 Athletics: the TSB WAAA Championships from the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham.

9.35 Pumping Lace. A documentary about the world of women's body building (see Choice).

10.00 Cheers. With Diane away in Europe Sam hires a new waitress, a mature Englishwoman.

10.30 Budgie.* The frustrated entrepreneur tries to interest Charlie Endell in a film projector (r).

11.30 Film: One Plus One (1968) starring Anne Wiazemsky and The Rolling Stones. The story of late Sixties political revolution and the rise of the Black Power movements. Directed by Jean-Luc Godard.

1.20 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. † Also stereo VHF.

5.55 am Shipping Forecast.

6.00 News Briefing: Weather.

6.10 Farming Today.

6.25 Prayer for the Day.

6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 6.45* Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25*, 8.25* Sport. 7.45* Thought for the Day. 8.35* Yesterday in Parliament. 8.50* Your Letters. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News

9.05 With Great Pleasure† Brian Johnston presents his personal choice of poetry and prose.

9.45 Gemmell's Gardens. Prof Alan Gemmell visits Newstead Abbey and Gardens near Nottingham.

10.00 News; International Assignment. Reports from BBC correspondents around the world.

10.30 Morning Story: "The Man who Shot Snapping Turtles", by Edmund Wilson.

10.45 Daily Service.†

11.00 News, Travel, You the Jury – Radio Festival Special† Dick Taverne QC chairs a debate on a motion advocating deregulation of radio: "The Government should free the radio airwaves as much as technically possible".

11.48 Natural Selection. Michael Coe describes an encounter with vultures

12.00 News. You and Yours. Consumer advice with John Howard.

12.27 Radio Active.† 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World At One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour introduced from Northern Ireland by Wendy Austin.

3.00 News; Kidnapped and Catriona (R. L. Stevenson's classic novels of adventure and romance dramatised in ten parts (6) 'In the Advocate's House'.

4.00 News: Up the Tyne in a Flummox. Five fairly likely stories written and read by Leonard Barras (4) 'An Elderly Frame'.

4.10 Waterlines. Cliff Michelmore presents a round-up of events and sporting activities in, on or under water

4.40 Story Time. 'The Age of Illusion' by Ronald Blythe (2).

5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial Report.

6.30 The Million Pound Radio Show †(new series). Comedy sketches written and performed by Andy Hamilton and Nick Revel.

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Pick of the Week.† Margaret Howard presents a selection of television and radio extracts.

8.20 Law in Action. Joshua Rozenberg presents a topical magazine about the administration and practice of justice.

8.45 Any Questions? MPs Kenneth Clarke and Roy Jenkins, Mary Goldring and Prof Laurie Taylor join John Timpson in Hay-on-Wye

9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.

9.45 Scottish Arts Week. Neville Garden examines the problems and pleasures of taking the arts on tour in Scotland.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'The McGuffin' by John Bowen (last of 10 parts). 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.00 Today in Parliament.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Week Ending.† A satirical view of the week's news.

12.00 News; Weather.

12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF (available in England and S. Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather: Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert Part 1. Handel's Concerto a due cori. Grieg's Funeral March (London Symphony Orchestra). Joplin's Solace, Swipesy (Paul Schoenfield, piano). Bridge's String orchestra suite. 8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concert Part 2. J. C. Bach's Sinfonia in E (Netherlands Chamber Orchestra). Fauré's Madrigal Op 35. Schubert's Ave Maria (Susan Drake, harp). Strauss's Oboe Concerto (Heinz Holliger). 9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer. Henry Purcell. The last years: Jubilate Deo in D, Suite No 8. Double Dealer, Queen Mary Funeral musica (King's College, Cambridge, choir).

10.00 Eric Parkin, piano. Weber's Sonata No 2, Gazunov's Variations Op72.

10.45 Langham Chamber Orchestra. Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachsmusik, Henze's Der Junge Torless. Gorecki's Old style pieces.

11.35 Turina Songs. Iris Dell Acqua (soprano).

12.10 City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Part 1. Beethoven's Symphony No 6. 1.00 News.

1.05 City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra Part 2. Prokofiev's Symphony No 5.

1.50 Piano duets. Isabel Beyer and Harvey Dagul. Mendelssohn's Fantasia in D minor. Bernard Stevens's Irish Ho-Hoane Fantasia, Schubert's Fantasia in F minor.

2.35 Nash Ensemble. John Williams (guitar). Mozart's Flute Quartet in C. Petrassi's Tre per sette, Giuliani's Guitar concerto in A. Weber's Clarinet Quintet in B flat. Interval reading at 3.25.

4.00 Choral Evensong. From Peterborough Cathedral. Uppingham School Choral Course Choir. Tallis Introit, Ayleward Responses, Uppingham Service Canticles, Messaien Organ Voluntary Joie et clarte. 4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure Michael Berkeley

6.30 Music for Guitar. Ian Davies plays his own flamenco pieces.

7.00 Schubert orchestrations. Ulster Orchestra. As orchestrated by Liszt (Grande marche heroique) and Britten (Die Forelle).

7.30 Proms 85. Part 1. From the Royal Albert Hall. Ensemble InterContemporain and Ensemble Orchestral de Paris. Conducted by Pierre Boulez. York Holler's Resonance. Elliott Carter's Penthode. Luciano Berio's Corale.

8.25 Dream Set Free. Reflections on literary career of Octavio Paz.

8.45 Proms 85. Part2. Boulez's Eclat, Multiples.

9.30 The Professor Was Late. by Szymon Szechter.

10.00 Bruckner. Symphony No 7. BBC Philharmonic Orchestra.

11.00 Serenade. Copland's Quiet City. Revueltas's Noche de las jaranas. Simon Holt's era madrugada, Debussy's Iberia.

11.57 News 12.00 Closedown. VHF only – Open University: 6.35am-6.55, Open Forum: Students Magazine.

Radio 2

On medium wave. †also VHF stereo News on the hour (except 9.00 pm) Headlines 5.30 am 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30 4.00 am Martin Kelner (†) 6.00 Ray Moore (†) 8.05 Ken Bruce (†) 10.30 Jimmy Young (†) 1.05 Sports Desk: David Jacobs (†) 2.05 Gloria Hunniford (†) 3.30 Music all the way (†) 4.05 David Hamilton (†) 6.05 John Dunn (†) 8.00 Friday Night is Music Night (†) 9.15 The Organist entertains (†) Nigel Ogden 9.55 Sports Desk 10.00 Castle's Corner. 10.30 Old Stagers 1 Gracie Fields 11.00 Jeremy Beadle's Nightcap († from midnight) 1.11 am Steve Madden (†) presents Nightride 3.00 Big Band Special String Sound (†)

Radio 1

5.00 am Adrian John 8.00 Mike Read 10.00 Simon Bates's 11.00 Radio 1 Roadshow with Janice Long, in Porthcawl 12.30 pm Newsbeat with Frank Partridge 12.45 Gary Davies 2.30 Steve Wright 4.30 Select-a-disc with Paul Jordan 5.30 Newsbeat with Frank Partridge 5.45 Roundtable with Richard Skinner 7.00 Andy Peebles 10.00-12.0 The Friday Rock Show (†) incl Kiss in concert at Ipswich Gaumont 1984 VHF Radios 1 & 2 4.00 am with Radio 2 10.00 pm With Radio 1 12.00-4.00 am with Radio 2

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Brain of Britain 1985 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Guitar Workshop 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Meme England's Music 8.30 Believe It Or Not 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 The Poem Itself 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Sounds of the Seventies 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 In The Meantime 11.25 A Letter From Northern Ireland 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Jazz For The Asking 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours 1.30 John Peel 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Letterbox 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Mr Snail is Beautiful 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Science In Action 7.45 About Britain 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Science in Action 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Network UK. 9.15 Music Now 9.45 Empire o the Sun 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter Form Northern Ireland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 From The Weeklies 11.30 Musical Yearbook. 12.00 World News 12.09 News about Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 About Britain 12.45 Recording Of The Week. 1.00 News. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Sounds of the Seventies. 1.45 Letterbox. 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 People And Politics. 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections 5.00 World News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours 5.45 The World Today **All times in GMT**

BBC1 Wales 1.27pm-1.30 News of Wales headlines. 4.18-4.20 News of Wales headlines. 5.30-5.35 Interval. 5.30-5.35 Wales today. 6.35-7.00 Gon' fishin'. 12.45am-12.50 News and weather; Scotland 9.40am-10.05 Huckleberry Finn and his friends. 1.27pm-1.30 The Scottish news. 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 10.15-10.45 The Beechgrove Garden. 10.45-11.35 Omnibus. 11.35-1.05am Film: The last American Hero. 1973 (Jeff Bridges). 1.05-1.10 Weather. Northern Ireland 9.40am-10.05 Huckleberry Finn and his friends 1.27pm-1.30 Nothern Ireland news 4.18-4.20 Nothern Ireland news. 5.30-5.40 Today's sport. 5.40-6.00 Ulster 6.35-7.00 Rolf Harris cartoon time. 12.45am-12.50 New and weather; England 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am Ability Is Where You Look For It. 9.55 Spread Your Wings. 10.25 Blockbusters. 10.55 Fireball XL5. 11.20-11.30 Wattoo Wattoo. 12.30pm-1.00 Database. 1.20 News 1.30 Film: Raising The Wind (Sidney James). 3.10 Lake Osyssey. 3.30-4.00 Adventurer. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.15 Action Replay. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 What's On Where. 7.30-8.30 A-Team. 10.35 Film: Red Sun. 12.30am Closedown

TSW As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Blockbusters 10.55 Fireball XL5 11.20-11.30 Wattoo Wattoo 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Raising the Wind (Sidney James) 3.10 Lake Odyssey 3.30-4.00 The Adventurer 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00 Today South West 6.30-7.00 Zodiac Game 7.30-8.00 A-Team 10.35 Film: Red Sun (Charles Bronson) 12.30am Postcript, Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

TVS As London except: 9.25am Outlook. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 Swifty and Shorty. 10.30 Cartoon Alphabet. 11.00-11.30 Mika. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Love and Marriage. 2.30 Film The Ringer (Herbert Lom). 3.55-4.00 News. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30-7.00 For Valour. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 10.30 V. 11.30 Roots of Rock 'N' Roll. 12.30am Company. Closedown

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Cartoon. 9.40 Kum Kum. 10.00 About Britain. 10.30-12.00 Crown Green Bowling. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Summer Brass. 2.00 Bowling. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Now You See It. 6.00 For Valour. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 7.30-8.30 Riptide. 10.30 All The King's Men. 11.00 Bowling. 11.45 Film: Shock Treatment (Alain Delon). 1.25am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am First Thing 9.30 Sesame Street 10.25 Professor Kitzel 10.35 Nature of Things 11.00-11.30 Short Story Theatre 1.20pm News 1.30 Glad Rags 2.00 Falcon Crest 3.00-3.30 At Home 5.15-5.45 Benson 6.00 Summer at Six 6.30-7.00 Zodiac Game 10.30 Film: Twins of Evil (Peter Cushing) 12.30am News, Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25 am News, Sesame Street. 10.25 Smurfs. 10.40-11.30 Champions. 1.20 News. 1.30 Film: Port of Escape* (Googie Withers). 3.00-3.30 Zodiac Game. 5.15-5.45 Teachers Only. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Problems. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 10.30 Your Say. 10.45 Queen's Visit to Bristol. 11.15 Kojak. 12.15 am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 9.25 am-10.25 Sesame Street. 6.00 pm-7.00 Wales as Six. 10.30-11.15 Elinor.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25 am Sesame Street. 10.25 Star Kids. 10.50 The Dairy. 11.00-11.30 3–2–1 Contact. 1.20 pm Lunchtime. 1.30 Film: Flesh and Blood* (Richard Todd). 3.30-4.00 Short Story Theatre. 5.15-5.45 Now You See It. 6.00 Summer Edition. 6.30-7.00 Database. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 10.30 Witness 10.35 Falcon Crest. 11.35 Star Parade. 12.30 am News, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25 Wild World of Animals. 10.45-11.30 Wild Canada. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Country Practice. 2.25 Canadian Souvenir Postcards. 3.00 Keep It In The Family. 3.30-4.00 Whose Baby?. 5.15-5.45 Adventurer. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Zodiac Game. 7.30-8.00 Name That Tune. 10.30 Ways and Means. 11.00 Late Call. 11.05 Yellow Rose. 12.05am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Spacewatch 10.35 Vicky the Viking 11.00-11.30 Once Upon a Time . . . Man 1.20pm Calendar 1.25 Help Yourself 1.30 Film: Flesh and Blood* (Richard Todd) 3.20 Home Cookery 3.25-3.30 News 5.15-5.45 Now you see it 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes 7.30-8.00 It's never too late 10.30 Sweeney 11.30 Rugby League 12.25am Closedown

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am News. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 Lost Kingdoms. 10.55 Nat Adderley. 11.20-11.30 Cartoon. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Seven Thunders.* 3.20-3.30 Cartoon. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 News. 6.02 Sporting Chance. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 10.32 Film: Dr Blood's Coffin. 12.00 Countryside Christian, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Sally And Jake. 10.35 Wild World of Animals. 11.00-11.30 Once Upon a Time . . Man. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: They Who Dare. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Flintstone Frolics. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 Take The High Road 7.30-8.00 Morecambe and Wise Show 10.30 For Valour. 11.00 Film: Corridors of Blood. 12.35am News. Closedown.

S4C Starts 1.00 pm Television Scrabble 1.30 My World and Welcome To It. 2.00 Ston Sbri. 2.15 Queen and God's Wonderful Railway 3.30 World Games. 4.30 Interval. 4.55 Straeon Nia. 5.05 Y Smyrffs. 5.30 Swank 5.50 Ready Steady Go. 6.20 Soul Train. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Pigion Yr Wyl 8.00 Cylyng Gyngor. 8.30 Max Headroom Show. 9.00 Athletics 9.35 Heno! Heno! 10.50 Film: Ploughman's Lunch. 12.50 am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Fireball XL5. 9.30 Matt and Jenny. 10.15 Poseidon Files. 11.05-11.30 Dreams. 1.20 News 1.30-3.30 Fifty, Fifty. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00-7.00 News. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 10.35 Film: Posse (Kirk Douglas). 12.20am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25 City Centre Cycling 1.20 News. 1.30-3.30 Film. International Lady* (George Brent). 5.15-5.45 Candid Camera. 6.00-7.00 About Anglia. 7.30-8.10 Fall Guy. 10.30 Cross Question. 11.10 Film: Black Torment 12.40am Treasury of the Holy Spirit, Closedown.

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GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. Evenings at 7.45. Mats Sat 2.30. THE NEW VIC THEATRE in THE THREE MUSKETEERS. by Phil Woods

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE 722 9301. LAST THREE PERFS TON'T 8.00, TOMOR 4.30 & 8.00 GRAFTERS by Billy Harmon. "Tough and frequently amusing play – full of crackling humour" Std. "A remarkable first play, totally truthful performances" Gdn.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL 01-930 9832. Group Sales 930 6123. Evgs Mon-Sat 7.30, Mats Weds & Sats 2.30. "LAUREN BACALL'S STAR QUALITY GLOWS WITH A HARD, STEELY, INCANDESCENCE THAT COULD SHATTER A DIAMOND" Sun. Exp. LAUREN BACALL in TENNESSEE WILLIAMS SWEET BIRD OF YOUTH Directed by Harold Pinter "HAROLD PINTER'S PRODUCTION ESTABLISHES THE PIECE AS ONE OF WILLIAM'S VERY BEST" Fin Times

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KING'S HEAD 226 1916. BEDNARCZYK AND BROOMSTICKS! One Man Musical Comedy Show. "Recommended" T.O. Std. ends Tomor. Dnr 7. Show 8.00.

LYCEUM THEATRE re-open (Strand WC2 7DN. Box Office & CC Bkgs 379 3055/379 6433 'S'). Limited season National Theatre's THE MYSTERIES. THE NATIVITY Tue 8pm, Thur 5pm & Sat 11am THE PASSION Wed 3pm, Thur 8.30pm & Sat 3.30pm. DOOMSDAY Wed, Fri & Sat all at 8pm. Prices from £7.50 "BREATHTAKING – CATCH THEM WHILE YOU CAN" Gdn. MUST END AUGUST 31

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH S CC 741 2311. Eves 7.45. The remarkable TIM PIGOTT-SMITH in the "fascinating & enlightening" D Tele BENGAL LANCER "Extraordinary solo performance . . . creates a powerful intimacy effortlessly" C. Limits. Directed by Michael Joyce. From July 31: Janusz Wisniewski's THE END OF EUROPE presented by The Teatr Nowy of Poznan. Eves Mon-Thu 7.0 & 9.0, Fri & Sat 7.30 & 9.30. LIFT 1985. LYRIC STUDIO: Eves 8pm. The Bahumutsi Theatre Co of Soweto in DIRTY WORK and GANGSTERS. LIFT 1985. From Mon 7.0 (Sub Eves 8pm) Susie Baxter, Michael Birch & Thomas Henty in DEVIL RIDES OUT – A BIT. Latecomers will not be admitted.

LYRIC THEATRE Shaftesbury Ave 437 3686/7 CC 434 1050, 434 1550. JUDI DENCH DANIEL MASSEY in The Royal Shakespeare Co. Production of WASTE By Harley Granville Barker Directed by John Barton "Flawless revival . . . A pilgrimage half London should feel privileged to make" D Mail. Mon-Fri 7.30 Thurs Mat 3.0 Saturday 5 & 8 15. LAST 2 DAYS.

LYTTELTON 928 2252 CC 928 5933 'S' (National Theatre's proscenium stage). Ton't 7.45, Tomor, Mon 3.00 (low price mats) & 7.45, then Aug 6 & 7 THE DUCHESS OF MALFI by Webster.

MAYFAIR S CC 629 3036. Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.40 & 8.10 Grp 930 6123. RICHARD TODD Eric Lander, Annette Andre THE BUSINESS OF MURDER The Hit Thriller by Richard Harris "The best thriller for years" S Mir. "An unabashed winner" S Exp. "A thriller that achieves it all. Sensational" Times. "The most ingenious mystery to have appeared in a decade. A play to be seen" D Mail. 5TH GREAT YEAR OVER 1600 PERFORMANCES

OLD VIC 928 7616. CC 261 1821. Evgs 7.30. Wed Mats 2.30. Sat 4.0 & 7.45. THE BLOCKBUSTER MGM MUSICAL NOW ON STAGE!! "I DEFY ANYONE NOT TO ENJOY SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS" ". . . THE DANCES ARE TERRIFIC" F.T. "ENOUGH ENERGY TO LIGHT HALF THE NEON LIGHTS IN THE WEST END . . . AN IDEAL FAMILY SHOW" D. Mail. NO TICKET AGENTS. SO SIMPLE SO EASY TO BOOK. RING 01-261 1821 AND CHARGE IT TO YOUR CREDIT CARD. AIR CONDITIONED

MERMAID THEATRE 01-236 5568 CC 741 9999 Grp Sales 930 6123 Eves 7.30 Mats Thur & Sat 3.00 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY ALAN HOWARD GEMMA JONES JENNY AGUTTER BREAKING THE SILENCE By Stephen Poliakoff "MARVELLOUS RSC PRODUCTION BY RON DANIELS" Punch.

NATIONAL THEATRE South Bank NATIONAL THEATRE COMPANY See SEPARATE ENTRIES UNDER OLIVIER/LYTTELTON Excellent cheap seats day of perf both theatres from 10am. RESTAURANT (928 2033) CHEAP EASY CAR PARK. TOURS OF THE BUILDING (including back stage) £2.00 Info 633 0880.

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OPEN AIR REGENT'S PARK. S 486 2431. cc 379 6433. cc hotline 486 1933. A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM Tonight 7.45. Tomor. 2.30 & 7.45 RING ROUND THE MOON plays all next week.

PALACE THEATRE 437 6834 cc 437 8327 or 379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves 7.45 Mat Thu & Sat 2.30. "THE MUSICAL THAT MAKES YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH SHOW BUSINESS" Mail on S. RODGERS & HART'S ON YOUR TOES "Deliriously funny" Times. "RUN TO SEE THIS SHOW" D Mail.

PRINCE EDWARD. Tel 01-437 6877 S EVITA Evgs. 8.0. Mats Thurs & Sat at 3.0. Hotline 439 8499. 379 6433. 741 9999. Group Sales 930 6123.

PHOENIX 240 9661 CC 836 2294 Eves 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8 30 MARTIN SHAW as Elvis Presley in ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT? by Alan Bleasdale Red. Prices for prevs and 1st night from 31 July. First night 13 Aug at 7.00.

PICCADILLY THEATRE 437 4506 CC 379 6565 CC 741 9999 Group Sales 930 6123/836 3962. "A BRILLIANT MUSICAL" BBC DAVID ESSEX & FRANK FINLAY MUTINY! "SPECTACULARLY IMPRESSIVE" Mail (on S.) Eves 8.00. Mats Sat 5.0 Wed 3.00. Tickets available at Principal Ticket Agents.

PRINCE OF WALES 01-930 8681/2 cc HOTLINE 01-930 0844/5/6. Group Sales 01-930 6123 K Prowse 01-741 9999 Evngs 7.30. Mats Thur & Sat at 3.00. "One of the best musicals of all time" – The Std The National Theatre of Gt Britain Award Winning GUYS AND DOLLS Starring LULU NORMAN ROSSINGTON CLARKE PETERS BETSY BRANTLEY DAVID HEALY "A raucously elegant show" – S Times "A CLASSIC of its kind" – D Tel "DYNAMITE" – D Mail "It can only encourage American tourists to clog the capital's transport system demanding directions to Piccadilly Circus" – The Times

QUEEN'S: 01-734 1166, 734 1167, 734 0261, 734 0120, 439 3849, 439 4031. Grp Sales 930 6123. Red Price Previews Eves 7.45, Wed Mat 2.30 (Opens Aug 2) VANESSA REDGRAVE JONATHAN PRYCE in "THE SEAGULL" by Anton Chekhov Directed by CHARLES STURRIDGE. FOR A LIMITED SEASON

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745 LIFT presents THE THREE BEATINGS OF TAO SAN CHUN By Wu Zu Guang A rare opportunity to see a remarkable piece of modern PEKING OPERA. The first ever to visit Britain. Eves 8pm. Tomor 2.30 The Identity of Chinese Theatre Today. A discussion with panel

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SHAFTESBURY 379 5399 CC 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123. Evgs 8.0. Sat 5.30 & 8.30. Wed mat 3.0. THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY Anton Rodgers Michael Williams Moray Watson Wanda Ventham and Kathy Staff TWO INTO ONE Written & Directed by Ray Cooney 'HILARIOUS PRODUCTION' F.T. "Comic acting at its finest." S.Tel. OVER 300 PERFORMANCES

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STRAND WC2 01-836 2660/4143/5190. Mon-Fri Evgs 8.00. Mats Wed 2.30 Sats 5.30 & 8.30 RICHARD BRIERS DIANE FLETCHER POLLY HEMINGWAY WHY ME? The New Comedy by Stanley Price with LIZ SMITH Directed by Robert Chetwyn LAST WEEKS – MUST CLOSE AUG 3

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WYNDHAM'S S 836 3028 CC 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999. Grps 930 6123/836 3962. Eves 8.0. Wed Mat 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.15. SUE TOWNSEND'S THE SECRET DIARY OF ADRIAN MOLE AGED 13¾ Music & Lyrics by KEN HOWARD & ALAN BLAIKLEY.

YOUNG VIC, 928 6363 Eves 7.30. Young Vic/DAC Co. in THE ENEMIES WITHIN "Now we are fighting the enemy within" Margaret Thatcher.

CINEMAS

CAMDEN PLAZA 485 2443 (Opp. Camden Town Tube) Marta Meszaros' DIARY FOR MY CHILDREN (PG). "One of the most absorbing films of the year" City Limits. Film at 1.55, 4.10, 6.25, 8.45.

ACADEMY 1. 437 2981. Deborah Kerr in THE ASSAM GARDEN (U) Progs 2.45 (not Sun) 4.45, 6.45, 9.00. ACADEMY 2. 437 5129 OLD ENOUGH (PG) Progs at 2.20 (not Sun) 4.20, 6.35, 8.35. ACADEMY 3. 437 8819 THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK (15). Progs 5.00, 6.50, 8.40

BARBICAN CINEMA 01-628 8795 Student reducts at all perfs Francesco Rosi's film of Bizet's CARMEN (PG) 6.45 Advance booking advisable.

CURZON WEST END, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1. 01-439 4805. Eleanor David, Nigel Terry in SYLVIA (PG) Film at 2.00 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.20 and 8.40

CURZON MAYFAIR, Curzon St, W1 499 3737. James Mason, Edward Fox in THE SHOOTING PARTY (15). Film at 2.00 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.20 & 8.40.

GATE BLOOMSBURY 1 & 2 837 1177, Russell Sq. Tube. 1: W Allen's PURPLE ROSE OF CAIRO (PG) 1.50, 3.35, 5.20, 7.00, 9.00. L.N. 11pm. Adv Bookings Acc, Visa. Tel: 837 8402. 2: THE CHAIN (PG) 3.10, 5.10, 7.10, 9.15. Air Conditioned, Lic'd Bar

GATE NOTTING HILL 221 0220/727 5750. Last 6 Days! THE PRINCESS (18) 2.40, 4.45, 6.50, 9.00. L.N. 11.15pm ROCKY HORROR SHOW (15) MYRA BRECKENBRIDGE.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (Enq)/839 1759 (24 hour Access/Visa bookings). RETURN TO OZ (U) Sep progs Daily 12.40, 3.30, 6.15, 8.50. All progs bookable in advance.

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ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111) Info 930 4250/4259. A VIEW TO A KILL (PG) Sep progs. Doors open Daily 1.00, 4.15, 7.45. Late Night Show Fri & Sat. Doors open 11.15pm. Advance Booking for all Progs. Access and Visa phone bookings welcome. Credit Hot Line 839 1929, 24 hour service. £2.00 seats available Monday all perfs.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011) INDIANA JONES AND THE TEMPLE OF DOOM (PG) Plus RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK (PG). Sep progs. Doors open daily 1.45, 6.15. Reduced prices for under 16's, OAP's, Student card holders, UB40 holders.

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Duke's plea to end home loan aid is rejected

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highest level of owner occupation ever in Britain, 63 per cent in England alone.

Since May 1979, 870,000 publicly-owned houses and flats had been bought, 90 per cent of those by their sitting tenants. "Those who have entered into those commitments did so on the understanding there was tax relief on mortgage interest."

In the Commons at question time Mrs Thatcher had been awaiting the opportunity to deliver the definitive thumbs-down. Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Conservative MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth, obliged by asking her to make clear that the Government had no intention of tinkering with the relief.

Mr Jeffrey Rooker, Labour's housing spokesman, said last night that the report's financial proposals deserved consideration, and that a "knee-jerk response" was inappropriate.

The need for greater fairness in housing finance was clear, the top salaried people obtained mortgage relief at 60p in the pound; for other taxpayers it was only 30p in the pound.

The Duke of Edinburgh, introducing the report in London yesterday, was anxious to emphasize that all the recommendations were interrelated

"You may well decide that some are more important than others but I think you will find that to introduce some and not others would only result in even greater confusion," he said.

Questions about the controversial nature of the tax relief proposal were deflected or sidestepped, but the Duke declared that there would have been no report at all if the committee had not looked at issues of political sensitivity. He said that the committee had deliberately not asked for evidence from the Government or any of the political parties.

"We felt that housing issues have a much longer perspective than the life of any one Government, and political parties are under pressure to look at the issues from a short-term electoral point of view."

The Duke added that they did not want any of their recommendations to appear to be influenced by party political considerations.

Paris fashion shows off its own Renaissance

Ungaro: The little black dress in plush velvet faced with white satin.

Dior: Renaissance embroidery richly overlaid on the bodice of a strapless evening dress with taffeta skirt.

Chanel: Twin-set for evening in embroidered paillettes on silk chiffon. (Photographs: Harry Kerr)

By Suzy Menkes, Fashion Editor

Rich and ritzy is the new image of Paris fashion. Sweeps of velvet, lashings of fur trimmings and jewel-encrusted embroideries recall the opulence of historic royal courts.

The couture houses are undergoing a renaissance. Old-established houses like Balmain and Dior report a doubling of private clientele. A combination of oil-rich Arabs and the glittering television image of Dallas and Dynasty have combined to put luxury back in style at the collections this week.

After bobbing along for a decade on a tide of designer perfume, the houses are reported to be making money, in spite of the cost of putting on shows that have become an orgy of opulence.

The slim skirt, slithering round the knee, and a silhouette drawn from a widened shoulder is the line. But the story is spelled out in sensuous textures, from all-pervasive velvet for day and evening, to brushed wool coats and jackets, and shimmers of satin at night.

Day clothers look their best in Yves Saint Laurent's superbly cut jersey dresses. Dior's chic striped suits or in Chanel's famous tweeds.

Paris couture shines at night. Emmanuel Ungaro brings back the sensuous woman with his drapes of clinging fabric. All the designers go for colour, with royal purple the favourite

Yves Saint Laurent won the biggest ovation of the week for a purist show presented in a Rococo salon in traditional couture style with no music and the best little black dresses in town.

Whipping yarns swayed waverers

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Simply because our associations were fully behind us on this one."

There were also some diehard MPs who were not even subjected to an argument by the whips. One MP was upset that he was thus classed beyond redemption.

Among those who could have been offended by a whip's approach, because of their rebellious record, were Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr John Gorst, Mr Robert Hicks, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr William Benyon, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Nicholas Winterton, Mr Robert Rhodes James, Mr Jonathan Aitken, and Mr Nicholas Budgen.

As for the rest, two of the party's most prominent rebels – who have both occupied Mr Wakeman's chair in past Parliaments – took different ways out of the difficulty on Tuesday night. Mr Francis Pym abstained. Mr Edward Heath was out of the country.

● Rebel MPs were unrepentant yesterday as they began to leave Westminster for the long summer recess (Our Political Editor writes).

But members of the Cabinet, while remaining convinced that their approval of the increases was correct, in spite of its unpopularity, acknowledged that they had utterly failed to anticipate the indignation of their backbenchers and of party members generally.

Ministers spoke of the need to rebuild bridges

Father of Tyra was accused before

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for child" who had "never had a mark on her" while living with her grandmother, Mrs Beatrice Henry.

Less than a month later she was dead, battered and bitten by her father, and dumped – unconscious and unknown – at Guy's Hospital by Neil and his sister, Paula.

Tyra struggled to live – while that same night Neil lived it up at a party to celebrate his 20th birthday, Mr Clive Nicholls, prosecuting, told the jury.

Tyra Henry's brother, Tyrone, is now in council care and living with foster parents. The appeal was allowed because it was felt that it was unsafe to allow the verdict to stand. There was a technical issue over whether there had been any intention to cause injury.

Cabinet dazzles experts

The ebonized side-cabinet whose sale was cancelled by Christie's after it was branded a fake, turns out to be genuine – or nearly. The cabinet was catalogued as made by William Watt after a design by E W Godwin, a leading avant-garde architect and designer of the 1860s and 1870s.

Although it was estimated to fetch £10,000-£15,000, it was sold for £5,400. After Mr Michael Whiteway, a dealer specializing in this period, told the purchaser it was a "fake", Christie's cancelled the sale.

Now the owner protests from Scotland that the piece cannot be a fake. Mr Don Evans, aged 41, bought the cabinet for £410 at Hamilton's Auction Mart in Forres, Morayshire in March. It was described as a "wall unit" and covered in dirt. His wife washed it down with Windolene while Mr Evans removed the hinges and locks and polished them with Brasso.

The high polish achieved with Windolene led London dealers to suspect that the piece had been re-ebonized.

Such is not the case, however.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit Cardiff Station, 12.15; and later visits Bristol Station, 2.30, to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Great Western Railway Act 1835.

The Prince of Wales attends a reception given by the Commonwealth Secretary-General at Marlborough House to mark the 20th Anniversay of the founding of the Commonwealth Secretariat, 12.

Princess Anne, Patron, takes the Salute at the Royal Tournament, Earls Court, 2.15; and later attends the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor's Dedication Service at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great Smithfield, followed by a reception, 6.30.

Exhibitions in progress

By River, Lake and Sea: oils and watercolours from 1790 to 1920; New Gallery, Abele Tree House, 9 Fore St, Budleigh Salterton, Devon; Tues to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Sept 15).

Paintings and prints by Michael Griffiths; Havant Museum, East St; Tues to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Aug 3).

The kilenge of Paupa New Guinea; Art Gallery and Museum, Kelingrove, Glasgow; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Aug 5).

Summer in the City; Ikon Gallery, 58-72 John St, Birmingham; Tues to Sat 10 to 6 (ends Sept 14).

Last chance to see

Recent accquisitions and treasures from the Museums stores; City Museum and Art Gallery, Museum Rd, Old Portsmouth, 10.30 to 5.50.

Rochdale Artists' Workshop; The Portico Library and Gallery, 57 Mosley St, Manchester, Mon to Fri 9.30 to 4.30 (ends July 26).

Sculpture by Mary Fedden and Elizaeth Frink; Halesworth Gallery, Steeple End, Suffolk, 11 to 5.

Music

Recital by the Bournemouth Youth Orchestra, Winchester Cathedral, 1.

Concert by the Schaumburger Youth Choir, De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill, 8.

His Merry Note – Shakespeare's songs and words by Quintus and the Goonvrea Singers, Chapter House, Truro Cathedral, 8.

Organ recital by Philip Sunderland; St Peter Mancroft, Norwich, 1.10.

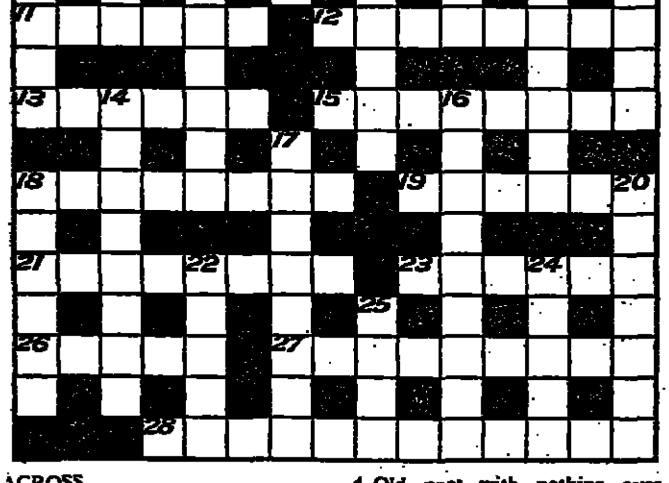
Concert by the Hilliard Ensemble; New College Chapel, Oxford, 8.

Chester Music Festival: Recital by Malcolm Messiter (oboe) and John Lenehan (piano), 1.10; Children's show – concert by Domus, 8, both at St Mary's Centre, Chester.

Gower Festival: Recital by Alistair Ross (Harpsichord) and Gillian Ross (soprano), Cheriton Church, W Glamorgan, 8.

Gospel Concert: Arts Centre, Colchester, 8.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,799



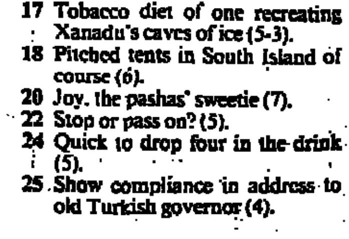
ACROSS

1 Castigate unhappy playwright, getting the bird (12).
9 Such as Tennyson's milk-white peacock – or shades of night? (9).
10 Saw ornament in a garden (5).
11 A tricky issue for a commonwealth citizen (6).
12 Flower and grass used by cook (5-3).
13 Los Angeles to continue enclosure of sea water (6).
15 The dogs are poles apart in this mountainous region (8).
18 An answer a chemist might make up (8).
19 The contemplative sportsman did so (somewhat slanted) (6).
21 Things some law clerks have to endure (8).
23 A particular detachment for special duty (6).
26 Jury stop an election to some extent (5).
27 Exposure that's a rude awakening for one on a cruise? (9).
28 See, a Tory went wrong making U-turn here (3-3,6).

DOWN

1 Bird appears to be as happy as Fido (7).
2 Clubs in which members are under restraint (5).
3 Government wear associated with Knox's monstrous regiment (9).
4 Old poet with nothing over sixpence once (4).
5 Bird a bit corny? (8).
6 Frogs' king I see? Sound reasoning (5).
7 Sort of ship, a lot modified . . . (8).
8 . . . she needs a place to dock first (6).
14 Sometimes explosive substance makes horse swallow tongue (8).
16 A little fruit for a lot of money – crazy fellow (6-3).
17 Tobacco diet of one recreating Xanadu's caves of ice (5-3).
18 Pitched tents in South Island of course (6).
20 Joy, the pashas' sweetie (7).
22 Stop or pass on? (5).
24 Quick to drop four in the drink (5).
25 Show compliance in address to old Turkish governor (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,798



Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 12

Top films

The top box-office films in London:

1 (1) A View to a Kill
2 (–) Police Academy 2/Their First Assignment
3 (3) Return to Oz
4 (2) Mask
5 (4) Witness
6 (5) Birdy
7 (6) Beverly Hills Cop
8 (10) A Passage to India
9 (9) Amadeus
10 (–) The Cotton Club

The top films in the provinces:

1 Police Academy 2/Their First Assignment
2 A View to a Kill
3 The Jungle Book
4 Porky's Revenge
5 Beverly Hills Cop

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Top video rentals

1 (4) Top Secret
2 (1) Tightrope
3 (2) Dune
4 (5) Red Dawn
5 (6) Batcherlor Party
6 (3) Romancing the Stone
7 (7) The Party Animal
8 (37) All of Me
9 (8) Ninja the Domination
10 (9) CHUD

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Anniversaries

Births: **John Fields**, pianist and composer, Dublin, 1782; **George Bernard Shaw**, Dublin, 1856; **Carl Jung**, Kesswil, Switzerland, 1875; **André Maurois**, Elbeuf, France, 1885; **Aldous Huxley**, Godalming, Surrey, 1894.

George Barrow died at Oulton Broad, Norfolk, 1881.

Threatened birds

The definitive *Bird Red Data Book*, which catalogues those species thought to be threatened with extinction, is undergoing a complete revision. The first volume of this third edition, which takes a geographical approach to threatened species, has just been published as *Threatened Birds of Africa and Its Related Islands* and lists 177 species, four of which are illustrated in colour for the first time. It costs £24 and is available from the International Council for Bird Preservation, 219c Huntingdon Rd, Cambridge CB3 ODL. Tel: 0223 277318.

Food prices

The English fruit season has yet to reach its peak. Among the home grown fruit in the shops are cherries at 50p-£1 a lb, although quality is variable, cooking gooseberries 25-30p a lb and dessert Levellers 50-70p, strawberries 70p-£1.10 a lb, raspberries 25-30p a quarter pound punnet, and black and redcurrants 25-40p a half pound. Recommended imports include Spanish, French and Italian apricots at 50-60p a lb and nectarines 8-28p each, depending on size; delicious Cyprus seedless grapes 65-95p a lb, and Spanish Santa Rosa plums at 70-80p a lb (large) and 30-50p a lb (small).

Home grown vegetables are abundant. Salad enthusiasts can choose from superb quality tomatoes 26-36p a lb, round lettuce 15-22p each and Iceberg 35-75p each, celery 25-50p a head. Chinese leaves 30-45p a lb, cucumbers 30-35p each, radishes 20-40p a bunch, spring onions 15-25p a bunch and watercress 30-40p a bunch. Other seasonal buys are broad beans 20-25p a lb, early runner beans 80p-£1 a lb, new season carrots 16-22p a lb, courgettes 25-45p a lb and peas 25-30p a lb.

Strong winds at sea have hampered fishing and restricted the choice in shops. Herrings, not long ago an almost forgotten taste, are good value at 50-75p a lb whole and 95p-£1.12 boned. There are also good supplies of new season kippers at 88p-£1.10 a lb whole and 94p-£1.20 a lb for fillets. Mackerel, though less plentiful, is still good value at 52-74p a lb; other good buys are large cod fillets £1.45-£2 a lb, grey mullet 80p-£1.20, haddock fillets £1.50-£2, hake £1-£1.80 and plaice fillets £1.80-£2.20 a lb.

Meat prices show scarcely any change from last week; beef topside and silverside £1.89-£2.30 a lb, rump steak £2.60-£3.25, best mince 89p-£1.36; whole leg of lamb £1.40-£1.80, loin chops £1.58-£2.26, shoulder 79p-£1.19; pork whole leg 85p-£1.20 a lb, loin chops £1.24-£1.49 and boneless shoulder 98p-£1.38. **Sainsbury** have reduced whole shoulder of New Zealand lamb to 74p a lb and mince to 86p; other special offers include: **Safeway** home produced whole leg of lamb £1.38 a lb; **Tesco** topside and silverside £1.84 and New Zealand lamb leg and chops £1.34 a lb; **Dewhurst** whole cooked chickens from £1.98 each and cooked ham at 49p a quarter pound; **British Home Stores** fresh chicken reduced to 79p a lb; **Bejam** New Zealand lamb half shoulder knuckle 49p a lb

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total

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Roads

London and South-east: M4: New road layout due to roadworks at the M25 construction site between junctions 4 and 5 (Heathrow and Langley): delays likely. **A217:** Northbound lane restrictions on Brighton Rd, Banstead, between Firtree Rd and Winkworth. **A286:** Roadworks in Haslemere, Surrey, at the junction of the High Street and Church Lane.

The Midlands: A1: Major roadworks at Grantham to Newark road at Long Bennington. **A49:** Temporary signals on Ludlow bypass, Shropshire. **A34:** Roadworks on Stratford to Oxford road at Shipston on Stour, in Church Street.

Wales and West: A48: Westbound lane closures at Tredegar Park, Newport, Gwent. **A465:** Temporary lights N of Merthyr, Mid Glamorgan: one lane only. **A38:** Temporary lights (24hrs) on the Liskeard to Bodmin road for bridge repairs at Bodmin Parkway Station.

The North: M6: Lanes closed on both carriageways between junctions 32 (M55) and 33 (A6, Lancaster S); access to Forton services maintained: care required. **A56:** Contraflow on Manchester Rd, Altrincham. **A50:** Only one lane on Knutsford Rd, junction with Wilderspool Causeway, Warrington, at Bridge Foot roundabout.

Scotland: M74: Contraflow between junctions 1 and 2 (A74 and A71 turn offs S of Hamilton), Strathclyde; southbound carriageway closed. **A89:** Gallowgate on W side of Parkgate Cross, closed after subsidence; diversions.

Cycling hints

The Cyclists' Touring Club, Britain's largest cycling organization, has published a guide for local authorities and other organizations on how to make provision for leisure cycling. Entitled *Cyling into Leisure: new developments and opportunities*, gives advice on designing leisure cycle routes on minor roads, and possible sources of funding, as well as information about routes on disused railway lines, forest paths, canal towpaths, rights of way and through country parks. It also provides a useful list of organizations and contacts involved in this work.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Summer adjournment debates.

Lords (11): Social security up-rating orders.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.08	1.98
Austria Sch	29.30	27.90
Belgium Fr	84.45	80.85
Canada $	1.95	1.87
Denmark Kr	15.00	14.30
Finland Mkk	8.75	8.35
France Fr	12.63	12.08
Germany DM	4.155	3.975
Greece Dr	181.00	181.00
Hong Kong $	11.25	10.85
Ireland Pt	1.327	1.267
Italy Lira	2805.00	2655.00
Japan Yen	351.00	335.00
Netherlands Gld	4.69	4.47
Norway Kr	12.12	11.57
Portugal Esc	238.00	228.00
South Africa Rd	3.49	3.14
Spain Pts	238.75	225.75
Sweden Kr	12.22	11.67
Switzerland Fr	3.41	3.25
USA $	1.46	1.40
Yugoslavia Dnr	400.00	380.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 376.4.

London: The *FT* Index closed down 15.0 at 911.0.

Weather

A complex area of low pressure centred over Northern Ireland at first will move slowly N during the day with an associated trough of low pressure crossing most central and E parts.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S England, Midlands, N Wales: Thundery rain soon dying out, sunny intervals developing with scattered showers later; wind variable, light, becoming SW, moderate; max temp 24C (75F).

East Anglia, E, NW, central N, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Cloudy with outbreaks of thundery rain, becoming mostly dry with sunny intervals; wind SE moderate, becoming SW light; max temp 22C (72F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Dry and bright at first, showers developing; wind SW moderate; max temp 21C (70F).

Borders, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Northern Ireland: Cloudy, thundery rain, some heavy, with hill fog, drier and brighter later; wind SE moderate, becoming variable, light; max temp 19C (66F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, NW Scotland: Cloudy, thundery rain, some heavy, extensive hill fog; wind SE, moderate, becoming variable, light; max temp 18C (64F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mostly dry and bright at first, then outbreaks of thundery rain, hill and coastal fog; wind SE, moderate; max temp 18C (64F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Unsettled; temperatures near or a little above normal.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind variable becoming SW light, thundery showers; visibility moderate with fog patches; sea slight. **English Channel E:** Wind SW moderate; scattered showers; visibility moderate becoming good; sea slight. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind SW fresh decreasing moderate; showers; visibility mostly good; sea moderate.

Sun rises: 5.15 am
Sun sets: 8.58 pm
Moon sets: 12.10 am
Moon rises: 4.04 pm
Full Moon: July 31.

Lighting-up time

London 9.28 pm to 4.47 am
Bristol 9.38 pm to 4.57 am
Edinburgh 10.02 pm to 4.38 am
Manchester 9.45 pm to 4.48 am
Penzance 9.44 pm to 5.14 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	18	64	Guernsey	s	25	77
Birmingham	f	26	79	Inverness	r	15	59
Blackpool	f	25	77	Jersey	s	28	82
Bristol	s	25	77	London	s	25	77
Cardiff	f	22	72	Manchester	f	26	79
Edinburgh	f	20	68	Newcastle	s	22	72
Glasgow	f	22	72	Ronaldsway	s	19	66

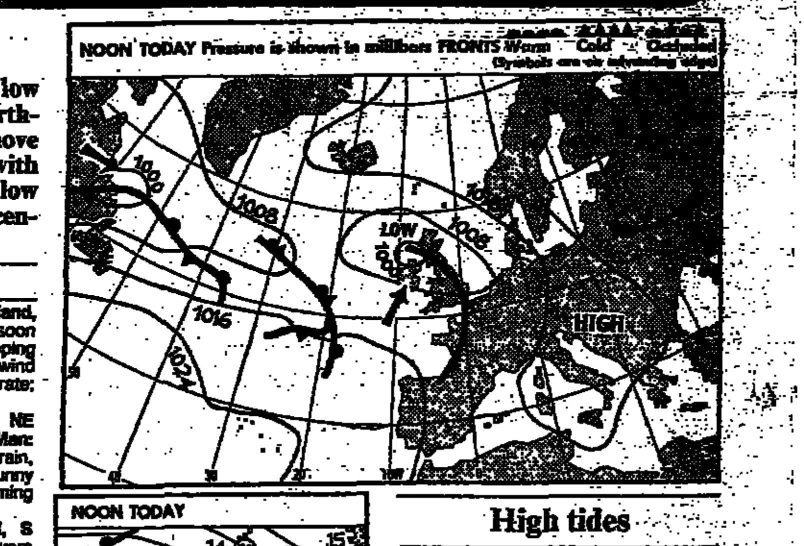
London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 28C (82F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 17C (63F). Humidity: 6 pm, 51 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, none. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 10.3 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,013.0 millibars, falling.

1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Southampton 30C (86F); lowest day max: Lerwick 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Benbecula, 0.75in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, 14.3hr.



NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded
(Symbols are on advancing edge)
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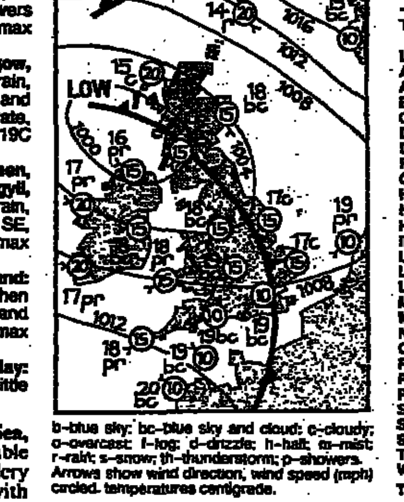
HIGH



b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.54	6.2	9.08	6.2
Aberdeen	8.31	3.7	9.23	3.4
Avonmouth	1.52	11.3	2.30	10.8
Belfast	6.12	3.3	6.51	3.0
Cardiff	1.37	10.5	2.15	10.0
Devonport	12.14	4.8	12.54	4.6
Dover	6.08	6.7	6.34	6.8
Falmouth			12.24	4.4
Glasgow	7.38	4.6	8.16	4.0
Harwich	6.50	3.4	7.04	3.4
Holyhead	5.19	4.9	6.08	4.8
Hull	1.10	6.3	1.24	6.5
Ilfracombe	12.39	7.8	1.14	7.5
Leith	9.47	4.9	10.27	4.7
Liverpool	6.08	8.2	6.53	7.9
Lowestoft	4.49	2.0	4.45	2.3
Margate	7.04	4.2	7.17	4.3
Milford Haven	12.58	6.0	1.35	5.8
Newquay			12.35	5.7
Oban	12.27	3.2	1.17	3.0
Penzance			12.14	4.6
Portland	1.20	1.8	2.02	1.5
Portsmouth	6.26	4.0	7.09	4.2
Shoreham	6.03	5.1	6.44	5.3
Southampton	6.00	3.9	6.42	4.1
Swansea	1.04	8.0	1.45	7.7
Tees	10.59	4.6	11.51	4.4
Walton-on-Naze	6.47	3.6	7.00	3.7

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	7.8	–	20	68	sunny
Bridlington	5.5	–	18	64	sunny am
Cromer	8.8	–	20	68	fog
Lowestoft	11.4	–	22	72	sunny
Clacton	5.6	–	21	70	sunny
Margate	–	–	22	72	sunny
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	11.5	–	27	81	sunny
Hastings	10.9	–	27	81	sunny
Eastbourne	11.3	–	24	75	sunny
Brighton	12.4	–	27	81	sunny
Worthing	13.2	–	27	81	sunny
Littlehmptn	14.1	–	28	82	sunny
Bognor R	14.3	–	26	79	sunny
Southsea	12.9	–	28	82	sunny
Sandown	12.5	–	22	72	sunny
Shanklin	12.4	–	23	73	sunny
Bournemth	13.0	–	28	82	sunny
Poole	11.9	–	29	84	sunny
Swanage	12.5	–	22	72	sunny
Weymouth	11.0	–	27	81	sunny
Exmouth	8.9	–	27	81	sunny
Teignmouth					
Torquay	10.8	–	25	77	sunny
Falmouth	10.4	–	19	66	sunny
Penzance	10.3	–	25	77	sunny
Jersey	11.6	–	29	84	sunny
Guernsey	12.8	.02	27	81	sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	10.2	–	20	68	sunny
Newquay	10.8	–	30	86	sunny
Ilfracombe	12.5	–	25	77	sunny
Tenby	10.7	–	26	79	sunny
Colwyn Bay	7.1	–	27	81	sunny
Southport	10.8	–	27	81	sunny
Morecambe	12.3	.04	27	81	sunny
Douglas	7.6	.02	23	73	sunny pm
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Ctrl)	10.3	–	28	82	sunny
B'ham (Airpt)	11.2	–	27	81	sunny
Bristol (Ctrl)	12.3	–	29	84	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	10.7	–	27	81	sunny
Anglesey	10.2	–	26	79	sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	10.2	–	28	82	sunny
Manchester	9.4	–	28	82	sunny
Nottingham	8.7	–	27	81	sunny
N'cstl-n-Tyne	8.8	–	24	75	sunny
Carlisle	9.3	–	26	79	sunny
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	8.0	–	24	75	sunny
Prestwick	9.9	–	22	72	sunny
Glasgow	6.5	–	24	75	bright
Tiree	2.5	.63	18	64	rain am
Stornoway	–	.38	15	59	rain
Lerwick	0.4	.06	14	57	fog
Wick	2.7	–	16	61	fog pm
Kinloss	3.5	.17	20	68	showers pm
Aberdeen	10.1	–	24	75	sunny
St Andrews					
Edinburgh	8.9	.01	21	70	sunny
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	1.2	.02	20	68	cloudy

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F
Ajaccio	s	28	82
Akrotiri	s	33	91
Alexandria	s	29	84
Algiers	s	34	93
Amsterdam	s	24	75
Athens	s	31	88
Bahrain	f	37	99
Barbados*	r	27	81
Barcelona	s	28	82
Beirut	s	29	84
Belgrade	s	27	81
Berlin	c	19	66
Bermuda*	f	30	86
Biarritz	c	24	75
Bologna	c	27	81
Bordeaux	s	30	86
Brussels	s	27	81
Budapest	s	27	81
Buen Aires*	r	14	57
Cairo*	s	34	93
Cape Tn	c	17	63
C'blanca	c	24	75
Chicago*	f	31	88
Ch'church	s	7	45
Cologne	s	26	79
Copenhgn	s	20	68
Corfu	s	33	91
Dublin	d	16	61
Dubrovnik	s	30	86
Faro	s	27	81
Florence	s	33	91
Frankfurt	s	28	82
Funchal	s	24	75
Geneva	s	28	82
Gibraltar	s	26	79
Helsinki	f	22	72
Hong Kong	f	31	88
Innsbruck	s	29	84
Istanbul	s	28	82
Jiddah	s	37	99
Jo'burg			
Karachi*	f	30	86
Las Palmas	s	24	75
Lisbon	s	23	73
Locarno	s	27	81
L Angeles*	c	22	72
Luxembg	s	26	79
Madrid	s	35	95
Majorca	s	32	90
Malaga	s	28	82
Malta	s	33	91
Melbourne	f	11	52
Mexico C*	f	23	73
Miami*	f	31	88
Milan	s	31	88
Montreal*	s	24	75
Moscow	r	16	61
Munich*	s	24	75
Nairobi	c	21	70
Naples	s	29	84
New Delhi*	r	28	82
New York*	s	26	79
Nice	s	27	81
Oslo	s	21	70
Paris	s	30	86
Peking	s	30	86
Perth	f	17	63
Prague	s	25	77
Reykjavik	f	10	50
Rhodes	s	32	90
Riyadh	s	42	108
Rio de Jan	c	18	64
Rome	s	29	84
Salzburg	s	27	81
Sao Paulo*	c	19	66
S Francisco	s	20	68
Santiago*	f	11	52
Seoul	f	32	90
Singapore*	f	29	84
Stockholm	c	17	63
Strasbourg	s	29	84
Sydney	s	17	63
Tangier	f	26	79
Tel Aviv	s	31	88
Tenerife	s	26	79
Tokyo			
Toronto*	s	25	77
Tunis	s	32	90
Valencia	s	32	90
Vancouver*	s	18	64
Venice	s	29	84
Vienna	s	26	79
Warsaw	f	20	68
Washington	s	28	82
Wellington*	c	6	43
Zurich	s	28	82

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

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